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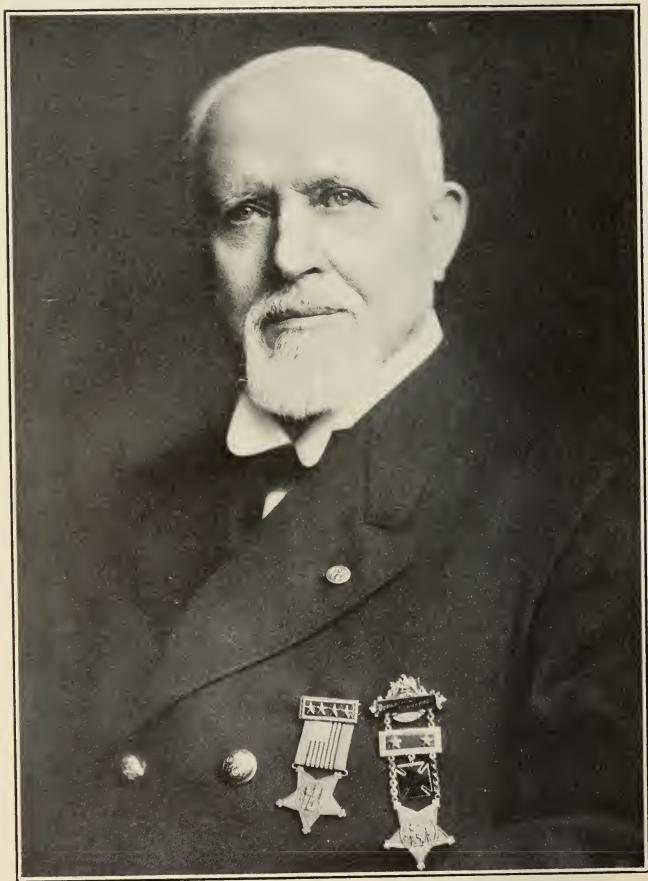


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House concurrent resolution 65, Sixty-fourth Congress.

SUBMITTED BY MR. BARNHART.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there shall be printed as a House document one thousand five hundred copies of the journal of the fifty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, not to exceed \$1,700 in cost, with illustrations, one thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the House and five hundred for the use of the Senate.*

Passed the House of Representatives February 9, 1917.

Passed the Senate February 13, 1917.



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# ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

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# FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Fifty-first National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,540.

Deducting previously reported as indicated by † the net voting strength is 1,431.

National officers, past national officers, and departments.	Department offi- cers.	Representatives.	Past department commanders.	Total.	Deduct previous- ly reported. †	Net voting strength.
National officers entitled to vote.....				10		10
National council of administration.....				44		44
Past commanders-in-chief.....				14		14
Past senior vice commanders-in-chief.....				14	2	12
Past junior vice commanders-in-chief.....				19	3	16
Alabama.....	4	1	15	20	2	18
Arizona.....	4	1	15	20	4	16
Arkansas.....	4	2	21	27	3	24
California and Nevada.....	4	19	33	56	3	53
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4	6	20	30	3	27
Connecticut.....	4	8	19	31	2	29
Delaware.....	4	2	21	27	1	26
Florida.....	4	3	17	24	1	23
Georgia and South Carolina.....	4	1	14	19	1	18
Idaho.....	4	2	17	23	1	22
Illinois.....	4	36	13	53	3	50
Indiana.....	4	28	20	52	1	51
Iowa.....	4	25	17	46	4	42
Kansas.....	4	24	18	46	3	43
Kentucky.....	4	4	12	20	2	18
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	4	3	5	12	2	10
Maine.....	4	10	16	30	1	29
Maryland.....	4	5	21	30	3	27
Massachusetts.....	4	28	11	43	1	42
Michigan.....	4	22	17	43	3	40
Minnesota.....	4	10	20	34	4	30
Missouri.....	4	14	17	35	5	30
Montana.....	4	2	11	17	1	16
Nebraska.....	4	11	21	36	2	34
New Hampshire.....	4	6	15	25	.....	25
New Jersey.....	4	10	15	29	3	26
New Mexico.....	4	1	15	20	2	18
New York.....	4	48	23	75	3	72
North Dakota.....	4	2	18	24	3	21
Ohio.....	4	47	20	71	3	68
Oklahoma.....	4	5	20	29	4	25
Oregon.....	4	7	21	32	.....	32

*Membership of the Fifty-first National Encampment—Continued.*

National officers, past national officers, and departments.	Department offi- cers.	Representatives.	Past department commanders.	Total.	Deduct previous- ly reported. †	Net voting strength.
Pennsylvania.....	4	50	16	70	3	67
Potomac.....	4	5	28	37	5	32
Rhode Island.....	4	4	16	24	1	23
South Dakota.....	4	4	22	30	6	24
Tennessee.....	4	4	18	26	1	25
Texas.....	4	2	10	16	2	14
Utah.....	4	2	14	20	2	18
Vermont.....	4	6	16	26	1	25
Virginia and North Carolina.....	4	2	9	15	2	13
Washington and Alaska.....	4	9	17	30	.....	30
West Virginia.....	4	4	15	23	1	22
Wisconsin.....	4	15	25	44	6	38
Total.....	176	499	764	1,540	109	1,431

*Comparative table showing number of elected and appointed national and department officers and permanent representatives present at the Fifty-first National Encampment.*

National officers, past national officers, and departments.	Elected and appointed.				Permanent.		
	National officers.	Department officers.	Representatives.	Total.	Past national officers.	Past department commanders.	Total.
National officers.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
National council of administration.....	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....
Past commanders in chief.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Past senior vice commanders in chief.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....
Past junior vice commanders in chief.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	27
Alabama.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Arizona.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	3	.....
California and Nevada.....	.....	2	17	19	.....	2	.....
Colorado and Wyoming.....	.....	3	6	9	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	.....	4	8	12	.....	7	.....
Delaware.....	.....	4	2	6	.....	16	.....
Florida.....	.....	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....
Georgia and South Carolina.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	5	.....
Idaho.....	.....	1	2	3	.....	1	.....
Illinois.....	.....	4	33	37	.....	5	.....
Indiana.....	.....	3	25	28	.....	2	.....
Iowa.....	.....	3	15	18	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	.....	3	15	18	.....	2	.....
Kentucky.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	.....	4	10	14	.....	10	.....
Maryland.....	.....	3	5	8	.....	3	.....
Massachusetts.....	.....	4	28	32	.....	10	.....
Michigan.....	.....	2	22	24	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	3	10	13	.....	1	.....
Missouri.....	.....	2	14	16	.....	3	.....
Montana.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	2	.....
Nebraska.....	.....	2	11	13	.....	3	.....
New Hampshire.....	.....	4	6	10	.....	11	.....
New Jersey.....	.....	3	10	13	.....	6	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
New York.....	.....	4	48	52	.....	12	.....
North Dakota.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	6	.....
Ohio.....	.....	4	47	51	.....	7	.....
Oklahoma.....	.....	4	4	8	.....	1	.....
Oregon.....	.....	1	5	6	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	3	50	53	.....	4	.....
Potomac.....	.....	3	5	8	.....	5	.....
Rhode Island.....	.....	3	4	7	.....	10	.....
South Dakota.....	.....	4	4	8	.....	4	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	1	.....
Utah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	.....	4	6	10	.....	8	.....
Virginia and North Carolina.....	.....	2	2	4	.....	1	.....
Washington and Alaska.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	3	4	7	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	.....	2	11	13	.....	3	158
Total.....	35	105	443	583	27	158	185

## SUMMARY.

National officers.....	10
National council of administration.....	25
Department officers.....	105
Representatives.....	443
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Total elected and appointed representatives.....	583
Past national officers.....	27
Past department commanders.....	158
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Total permanent representatives.....	185
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Total attendance.....	768

# ROLL OF THE FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20 TO AUGUST 25, 1917.

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## NATIONAL OFFICERS.

*Commander in Chief,*

W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.<sup>1</sup>

*Senior Vice Commander in Chief,*

WM. H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City, Mo.<sup>1</sup>

*Junior Vice Commander in Chief,*

E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.<sup>1</sup>

*Surgeon General,*

WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.<sup>1</sup>

*Chaplain in Chief,*

O. S. REED, Pueblo, Colo.<sup>1</sup>

*Adjutant General,*

H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.<sup>1</sup>

*Quartermaster General,*

COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>

*Judge Advocate General,*

RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Detroit, Mich.<sup>1</sup>

*Inspector General,*

CHARLES H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Cal.<sup>1</sup>

*National Patriotic Instructor,*

URIAH SEELY, Newark, N. J.<sup>1</sup>

*Assistant Adjutant General,*

E. B. STILLINGS,<sup>2</sup> Boston, Mass.<sup>1</sup>

*Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian of Records,*

J. HENRY HOLCOMB,<sup>3</sup> Philadelphia, Pa.<sup>1</sup>

*Chief of Staff,*

WILLIAM M. HAHN,<sup>4</sup> Mansfield, Ohio.<sup>1</sup>

*Senior Aid-de-Camp,*

B. J. COLL,<sup>5</sup> Pittsburgh, Pa.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Comrade Stillings, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Holcomb, not entitled to vote.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Hahn, representative from Ohio.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Coll, representative from Pennsylvania.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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Alabama.....	F. G. Sheppard <sup>1</sup> .....	Birmingham.
Arizona.....	E. S. Godfrey.....	Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas.....	Cos Altenberg <sup>1</sup> .....	Little Rock.
California and Nevada.....	N. R. Richardson <sup>2</sup> .....	
	Wm. H. Noll <sup>1</sup> .....	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Henry C. Watson.....	Greeley, Colo.
Connecticut <sup>3</sup> .....	Harry L. Beach <sup>1</sup> .....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Henry W. Hancock <sup>1</sup> .....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Florida.....	H. B. Jeffries <sup>1</sup> .....	Zephyrhills.
Georgia and South Carolina.....	Wm. M. Scott.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho.....	A. G. Nettleton.....	Nampa.
Illinois <sup>3</sup> .....	John B. Inman <sup>1</sup> .....	Springfield.
Indiana <sup>3</sup> .....	Orlando A. Somers <sup>1</sup> .....	Kokomo.
Iowa <sup>3</sup> .....	J. W. Willett <sup>1</sup> .....	Tama.
Kansas.....	Charles Harris.....	Emporia.
Kentucky.....	J. H. Ashcraft.....	Paducah.
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	Basile Ulger.....	New Orleans, La.
Maine.....	E. H. Hanson <sup>1</sup> .....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Joseph Dulany.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Louis E. Pattison <sup>1</sup> .....	Webster.
Michigan.....	S. J. Lawrence <sup>1</sup> .....	Detroit.
Minnesota <sup>3</sup> .....	Philip G. Woodward <sup>1</sup> .....	Anoka.
Missouri.....	Frank M. Sterrett.....	Troy, Ohio.
Montana.....	George H. Taylor.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Jonathan Edwards <sup>1</sup> .....	Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	Edmund Tetley <sup>1</sup> .....	Laconia.
New Jersey.....	Alfred Atkins <sup>1</sup> .....	Roselle Park.
New Mexico.....	O. L. Gregory.....	E. Las Vegas.
New York <sup>3</sup> .....	George A. Price <sup>1</sup> .....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	Robert Kee <sup>1</sup> .....	Sanborn.
Ohio <sup>4</sup> .....	Alvin M. Woolson.....	Toledo.
Oklahoma.....	F. M. Cline.....	Woodward.
Oregon.....	Wm. M. Clemmens.....	Newberg.
Pennsylvania.....	J. Andrew Wilt <sup>1</sup> .....	Towanda.
Potomac.....	James McKee <sup>1</sup> .....	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island.....	John T. Kenyon <sup>4</sup> .....	
	Chas. H. Colburn <sup>1</sup> .....	Providence.
South Dakota.....	Thomas H. Brown <sup>1</sup> .....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	Newton J. Hacker <sup>1</sup> .....	Jonesboro.
Texas.....	Martin Ballweg <sup>1</sup> .....	Dallas.
Utah.....	S. B. Young.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	E. J. Foster <sup>1</sup> .....	Waterbury Center.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	E. M. Huston.....	Winchester, Va.
Washington and Alaska.....	Henry Brown.....	Spokane, Wash.
West Virginia.....	C. T. Reed.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Ganes.....	Ripon.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Comrade Richardson, died Sept. 5, 1916.

<sup>3</sup> Executive committee.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Kenyon, died Oct. 29, 1916.

## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

### PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

B. F. Stephenson <sup>2</sup> (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, <sup>2</sup> Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, <sup>2</sup> Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazey, <sup>2</sup> Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, <sup>1</sup> Milwaukee, Wis	1892
John G. B. Adams, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died in office Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo	1900
Eli Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Harrisburg, Pa	1902
John C. Black, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died in office July 16, 1905)	1904
John R. King, <sup>1</sup> Baltimore, Md	1905
James Tanner, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C	1905
Robert B. Brown, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, <sup>1</sup> Kansas City, Mo	1907
Henry M. Nevius, <sup>2</sup> New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn	1909
John E. Gilman, <sup>1</sup> Boston, Mass	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, <sup>1</sup> Princeton, Ill	1911
Alfred B. Beers, <sup>1</sup> Bridgeport, Conn	1912
Washington Gardner, <sup>1</sup> Albion, Mich	1913
David J. Palmer, <sup>1</sup> Washington, Iowa	1914
Elias R. Monfort, <sup>1</sup> Cincinnati, Ohio	1915

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.



## PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

James B. McKean, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Jan. 5, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1868-70
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, <sup>2</sup> California (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha H. Rhodes, <sup>2</sup> Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, <sup>2</sup> New York (died April 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died April 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died in September, 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, <sup>2</sup> Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Selden Connor, <sup>2</sup> Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Cal.-----	1886
Nelson Cole, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio-----	1888
A. G. Weissert, <sup>3,1</sup> Milwaukee, Wis-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (elected to fill vacancy Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)-----	1891
Henry M. Duffield, <sup>2</sup> Detroit, Mich. (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, <sup>2</sup> California (died July 16, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, <sup>2</sup> Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, <sup>1</sup> Buffalo, N. Y-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899)-----	1898
Daniel Ross, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899
Irvin Robbins, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, <sup>1</sup> Portland, Me-----	1900
John McElroy, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C-----	1901
William M. Olin, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Apr. 15, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, <sup>2</sup> California (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, <sup>4,1</sup> Baltimore, Md. (promoted to fill vacancy July 17, 1905)-----	1904
George W. Patten, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (elected to fill vacancy; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, <sup>2</sup> Colorado (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William H. Armstrong, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, Salt Lake City, Utah-----	1909
Charles Burrows, <sup>1</sup> Rutherford, N. J-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, <sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, Cal-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, Guthrie, Okla-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, <sup>1</sup> Dallas, Tex. (promoted to fill vacancy March 10, 1915)-----	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, D. C-----	1916

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade King, past commander in chief.



## PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

Robert S. Foster, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, <sup>2</sup> Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1868-9
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, Berkeley, Cal.	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-2
Edward Ferguson, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Oakland, Cal.	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, <sup>2</sup> Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-6
William Earnshaw, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C.	1879
George Bowers, <sup>2</sup> New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, <sup>2</sup> Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, <sup>2</sup> California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, New Britain, Conn.	1884
John R. Lewis, <sup>2</sup> Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allan, <sup>2</sup> Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, <sup>2</sup> New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, <sup>3</sup> New York	1888
John F. Lovett, Trenton, N. J.	1889
George B. Creamer, <sup>2</sup> Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, <sup>2</sup> Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, <sup>2</sup> Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, <sup>2</sup> Washington and Alaska (died in 1911)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, <sup>2</sup> Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, <sup>1</sup> Hartford, Conn.	1897
Daniel Ross, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (elected senior vice Sept. 6, 1899; office of junior vice left vacant; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, <sup>2</sup> Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, <sup>2</sup> Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, <sup>2</sup> Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patten, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (elected senior vice commander in chief to fill vacancy)	1905
Ephraim B. Stillings, <sup>1</sup> Boston, Mass. (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 4, 1905)	1905
Silas H. Towler, <sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, Minn.	1905
E. B. Fenton, <sup>1</sup> Evanston, Ill.	1906
William M. Scott, <sup>4</sup> Atlanta, Ga.	1907
Charles C. Royce, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.	1908
Alfred B. Beers, <sup>1</sup> Bridgeport, Conn.	1909
William James, <sup>1</sup> Jacksonville, Fla.	1910
William A. Ogden, <sup>2</sup> Kansas City (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.	1912
A. S. Fowler, <sup>1</sup> Little Rock, Ark.	1913
W. F. Conner, <sup>1</sup> Dallas, Tex. (promoted to senior vice commander in chief)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, <sup>1</sup> Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, <sup>1</sup> Berea, Ky.	1916

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Scott, member of national council of administration.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Beers, past commander in chief.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Conner, past senior vice commander in chief.

## DEPARTMENTS.

[The figures within the ( ) indicate the number of each department in order of permanent organization.]

### ALABAMA (42).

[Organized June 26, 1876. Reorganized Mar. 12, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 76 ; posts, 5.]

Department commander-----	Ephriam F. Quinn-----	Birmingham.
Senior vice department commander-----	E. A. Carolin-----	Mobile.
Junior vice department commander-----	A. D. Mitchell-----	Haleyville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Charles C. Chapin-----	Birmingham.

#### REPRESENTATIVE.

Z. Stapleton, Birmingham.

#### ALTERNATE.

Isaac Higgs, Mobile.

#### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Cornelius Cadle, <sup>2</sup> 1868-70.	E. D. Bacon, <sup>2</sup> 1902.
Datus E. Coon, <sup>2</sup> 1871.	R. H. Allison, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
Geo. H. Patrick, <sup>1</sup> Montgomery, 1871-80.	Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904.
F. G. Sheppard, <sup>1</sup> Birmingham, 1889.	A. G. Negley, Florence, 1905.
William H. Hunter, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	A. N. Ballard, Birmingham, 1906.
Seymour Bullock, <sup>2</sup> 1891 (died in office)	W. M. Campbell, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
A. B. Hayes, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	C. E. Peck, <sup>2</sup> 1908 (died in office).
William Snyder, Greencastle, Pa., 1892.	C. A. Cook, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
J. Clyde Millar, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	Thomas R. Gockel, Woodlawn, 1909.
Charles W. Buckley, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	Henry M. Austin, <sup>1</sup> Birmingham, 1910.
Manoah Bostwick, Birmingham, 1895.	Charles C. Chapin, <sup>5</sup> Birmingham, 1911.
Geo. F. Wollenhaupt, <sup>4</sup> 1896.	W. H. Brooks, Albany, 1912.
W. H. Black, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	Joseph Greenwood, <sup>2</sup> 1913.
A. G. Bethard, <sup>2</sup> 1898.	Anson B. Culver, Birmingham, 1914.
A. P. Stone, <sup>4</sup> 1899.	Charles A. Mange, Anniston, 1915.
George B. Randolph, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	J. J. Powers, Mobile, 1916.
George F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Sheppard, national council of administration.

<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Chapin, assistant adjutant general.

### ARIZONA (40).

[Organized Jan. 17, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 97 ; posts, 5.]

Department commander-----	H. H. Farrington-----	Phoenix.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. D. Finney-----	Tucson.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Phillips-----	Tempe.
Assistant Adjutant general-----	A. J. Sampson-----	Phoenix.

#### REPRESENTATIVE.

A. J. Christian, Phoenix.

#### ALTERNATE.

Andrew Downing, Phoenix.

## ARIZONA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

A. L. Grow, Sawtelle, Cal., 1888.  
 A. B. Sampson, Tucson, 1889.  
 George F. Coates,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Edward Schwartz,<sup>2</sup> 1891-92.  
 Douglas Synder,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Charles D. Belden, Ben Avon, Pa.,  
 1914.  
 W. F. R. Schindler,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Archibald J. Sampson,<sup>3</sup> Phoenix, 1896.  
 George Hoxworth,<sup>4</sup> 1897.  
 James Finley,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 George Broughton,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 R. H. G. Minty,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Prosper P. Parker, Phoenix, 1901.  
 C. F. Schumacher,<sup>2</sup> 1902.

George W. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 C. M. Christy,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Arthur J. Judd, Prescott, 1905.  
 James H. Creighton,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 N. S. Fullmer,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 A. J. Doran, Prescott, 1908.  
 D. P. Kyle,<sup>5</sup> 1900.  
 E. S. Godfrey,<sup>6</sup> Cookstown, N. J., 1910.  
 R. H. Green, Phoenix, 1911.  
 James F. Duncan, Tombstone, 1912.  
 J. J. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1913 (died in office).  
 George W. Reed, Prescott, 1913-14.  
 W. M. Grier, Phoenix, 1915.  
 George W. Barrows, Phoenix, 1916.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Sampson, assistant adjutant general.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Hoxworth. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Kyle. See California and Nevada.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Godfrey, National Council of Administration.

## ARKANSAS (31).

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 292; posts, 13.]

Department commander-----	O. J. Kyler-----	Little Rock.
Senior vice department commander-----	H. Wyman <sup>1</sup> -----	Bentonville.
Junior vice department commander-----	Samuel Henderson-----	Little Rock.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. E. Leas <sup>1</sup> -----	Little Rock.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles Ramsey,<sup>1</sup> Little Rock.  
 M. C. Stouteagle,<sup>1</sup> Little Rock.

## ALTERNATES.

L. A. Thomas, Hot Springs.  
 A. L. Cooper, Mammoth Springs.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Stephen Wheeler,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla, 1885.  
 C. C. Waters, Little Rock, 1886.  
 Thos. Boles,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 S. K. Robinson,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 A. S. Fowler,<sup>1 3</sup> Little Rock, 1889-90.  
 W. H. H. Clayton, South McAlester,  
 Okla., 1891.  
 Powell Clayton,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Logan H. Roots,<sup>2</sup> 1893 (died in office).  
 Thomas H. Barnes,<sup>2</sup> 1893-94.  
 Wm. C. Roberts, Rogers, 1895.  
 O. M. Spellman, Lake Farm, 1896.  
 A. H. Soekland, Little Rock, 1897.  
 W. G. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 George W. Clark,<sup>1</sup> Little Rock, 1899.

A. L. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 W. G. Akers, Little Rock, 1901.  
 John H. Avery,<sup>1</sup> Hot Springs, 1902-3.  
 Edward T. Wolfe, Mena, 1904.  
 W. S. Bartholomew, Mansfield, 1905.  
 J. W. Lane, Siloam Springs, 1906.  
 Cos Altenberg,<sup>1 4</sup> Little Rock, 1907.  
 Charles E. Newman,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 A. Y. Killingsworth, Siloam Springs,  
 1909.  
 J. M. McClintock, De Valls Bluff, 1910.  
 R. J. Maxson, Gentry, 1911.  
 F. W. Tucker,<sup>1</sup> Little Rock, 1912.  
 A. S. Fowler,<sup>1 3</sup> Little Rock, 1913-14.  
 Charles S. Warn, Forth Smith, 1915.  
 H. F. Wallace, Siloam Springs, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Fowler, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Altenberg, National Council of Administration.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10).

[Organized Feb. 21, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 5,260; posts, 95.]

Department commander-----	Chas. H. Haskins <sup>1 2</sup> -----	Los Angeles.
Senior vice department commander-----	H. G. Thompson-----	Berkeley.
Junior vice department commander-----	Barney Brown <sup>1</sup> -----	Long Beach.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. C. Shafer <sup>1</sup> -----	Los Angeles.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

W. H. Amos, San Francisco.  
 T. K. Stateler, San Francisco.  
 J. B. Lauck, San Francisco.  
 W. A. Huddart, Berkeley.  
 E. T. Allen,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 John E. Myrick, Alameda.  
 J. A. Osgood, Sierra Madre.  
 Clifford A. Fuller,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 James M. Aubery, Los Angeles.  
 A. A. Dassonville, Sacramento.  
 E. Kelley,<sup>1</sup> Veterans' Home.  
 J. S. Willson,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 Wesley Thompson,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 John W. Reed, San Diego.  
 W. A. Waterman,<sup>1</sup> La Mesa.  
 M. F. Cunningham, San Diego.  
 A. J. Vining,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 W. H. Coles, San Francisco.  
 R. A. Sarle,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.

## ALTERNATES.

T. F. Mitchell, Inglewood.  
 V. B. Sargent, Ontario.  
 A. J. Mathern, Los Angeles.  
 E. C. Lafebre,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 J. B. Lamb, Long Beach.  
 David Johnson, Oakland.  
 J. H. Young, Pasadena.  
 T. W. Lincoln, Long Beach.  
 E. J. Fitzgerald,<sup>1</sup> Stockton.  
 S. A. Austin, Los Angeles.  
 S. D. Graves, Long Beach.  
 Wm. H. Savage, San Pedro.  
 C. H. O'Harnett, Sawtelle.  
 Geo. W. Wilcox,<sup>1</sup> Long Beach.  
 John Burns Westcott, San Francisco.  
 Thomas Murray, Los Angeles.  
 C. S. Magrath,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 Patrick Donovan,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 F. E. Cox,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 R. C. Martin,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 James H. Riley,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 L. W. Estes,<sup>1</sup> Sacramento.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John F. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1867 (provisional).  
 James Coey,<sup>4</sup> Berkeley, 1868-69.  
 W. L. Campbell,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 W. E. McArthur,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 W. H. Aiken, Wrights, 1873-74.  
 A. Carlson,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 A. C. Bagley,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 S. W. Backus,<sup>5</sup> San Francisco, 1877.  
 S. P. Ford,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 C. Mason Kinne,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 W. A. Robinson,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 James W. Staples,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 James M. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 R. H. Warfield,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 W. R. Smedberg,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 E. S. Salomon,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 T. H. Goodman,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George E. Gard,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 A. J. Buckles,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 W. H. L. Barnes,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 J. B. Fuller,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 E. C. Seymour, Highlands, 1893.  
 J. M. Walling,<sup>1</sup> Nevada City, 1894.

Charles E. Wilson,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 T. C. Masteller,<sup>6</sup>  
 N. P. Chipman, Sacramento, 1897.  
 Sol. Cahen,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 A. F. Dill,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.  
 George Stone,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 W. G. Hawley,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 William R. Shafter,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Charles T. Rice, Riverside, 1904.  
 W. W. Russell, Berkeley, 1905.  
 Wm. C. Alberger, San Francisco, 1906.  
 Wm. G. Waters,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Samuel Merrill, Long Beach, 1908.  
 Wm. S. Daubenspeck, Los Angeles,  
 1909.  
 E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, 1910.  
 H. V. Parker, Los Angeles, 1911.  
 Wm. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.  
 G. M. Stormont,<sup>1</sup> Pomona, 1913.  
 B. B. Tuttle, Davis, 1914.  
 Hiram B. Thompson, San Diego, 1915.  
 A. E. Leavitt, San Francisco, 1916.

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Joseph S. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1877, transferred from Illinois.  
 W. V. Lucas, Santa Cruz, 1884-1886, transferred from South Dakota.  
 A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.  
 E. T. Langley, Santa Anna, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.  
 William A. Bentley, Los Angeles, 1891, transferred from North Dakota.  
 J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.  
 J. Clyde Millar,<sup>2</sup> 1893, transferred from Alabama.  
 J. P. Cummings, Santa Rosa, 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 George Hoxworth, Long Beach, 1897, transferred from Arizona.  
 O. H. Coulter,<sup>2</sup> 1899, transferred from Kansas.  
 M. A. Breedon,<sup>2</sup> 1900, transferred from Utah.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued.

Perry H. Manchester, Escondido, 1900, transferred from Montana.  
 A. H. DeGroff, Oakland, 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.  
 James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 John W. Edwards, San Bernardino, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.  
 Thomas E. Blanchard, Santa Cruz, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.  
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York. See North Dakota and Oklahoma.  
 R. H. Mellette, Los Angeles, 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.  
 D. P. Kyle, Los Angeles, 1909, transferred from Arizona.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Haskins, inspector general.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Coey, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Backus, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>6</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## COLORADO AND WYOMING (21).

[Organized as the Department of the Mountains Dec. 11, 1879. Name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882. Name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,591; posts, 52.]

Department commander-----	Wm. H. Comstock <sup>1</sup> -----	Denver, Colo.
Senior vice department commander----	Wm. Butler <sup>1</sup> -----	Longmont, Colo.
Junior vice department commander----	George H. Young-----	Evans, Colo.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. E. Irwin <sup>1</sup> -----	Denver, Colo.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Marshall S. Crawford,<sup>1</sup> Denver.  
 John H. Williamson,<sup>1</sup> Denver.  
 A. A. Beach,<sup>1</sup> Colorado City.  
 J. F. Humphrey,<sup>1</sup> Colorado Springs.  
 J. Jewell, Pueblo.  
 William Green, Rocky Ford.

## ALTERNATES.

David A. Rankin, Denver.  
 J. W. Stanton,<sup>1</sup> Pueblo.  
 R. E. Fitch, Laramie, Wyo.  
 Will C. Thomas, Greeley.  
 Charles E. Warren, Denver.  
 W. J. Porter, Denver.  
 S. H. Meade,<sup>1</sup> Greeley.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1875-1877.  
 F. J. Bancroft,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 J. W. Donnellan,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 E. K. Stimson,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 Byron L. Carr,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. V. Bohn,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Henry Bowman,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 George Ady, Seattle, Wash., 1887.  
 John W. Browning,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Thomas J. Fisher,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Delos L. Holden, Pueblo, 1890.  
 George W. Cook,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John C. Kennedy, Denver, 1892.  
 Myron W. Reed,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Nathaniel Rollins,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 N. J. O'Brien,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 H. O. Dodge, Boulder, 1896.  
 U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Cal., 1897.  
 W. T. S. May,<sup>2</sup> 1898.

Andrew Royal,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 H. M. Orahood,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Linus E. Sherman,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 J. W. Huff, Downs, Kans., 1902.  
 H. S. Vaughn, Denver, 1903.  
 Thomas J. Downen, Pueblo, 1904.  
 George W. Curfman, Denver, 1905.  
 L. C. Dana, Colorado Springs, 1906.  
 R. H. Mellette,<sup>3</sup> Los Angeles, Cal., 1907.  
 Henry C. Watson,<sup>4</sup> Greeley, 1908.  
 John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909.  
 W. W. Ferguson,<sup>2</sup> 1910 (died in office).  
 W. H. McDonald, Grand Junction, 1910.  
 Dexter T. Sapp, Gunnison, 1911.  
 H. M. Minor, Rocky Ford, 1912.  
 C. A. Brooks, Denver, 1913.  
 O. S. Reed,<sup>1,5</sup> Pueblo, 1914.  
 F. O. Burdick, Boulder, 1915.  
 James Moynahan, Denver, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Mellette. See California and Nevada.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Watson, national council of administration.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Reed, chaplain in chief.



## CONNECTICUT (6).

[Organized Apr. 11, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,007; post, 61.]

Department commander-----	Benjamin H. Cheney <sup>1</sup> -----	New Haven.
Senior vice department commander-----	Ralph W. Williamson <sup>1</sup> -----	Hartford.
Junior vice department commander-----	William E. Latham <sup>1</sup> -----	New Britain.
Assistant adjutant general-----	William M. Barnum <sup>1</sup> -----	Bridgeport.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Christian Quilen,<sup>1</sup> Danbury.  
 Orrin M. Price,<sup>1</sup> Norwich.  
 Norman L. Hope, Hartford.  
 Jerome Baldwin,<sup>1</sup> Willimantic.  
 Howard A. Sawtelle,<sup>2</sup> Meriden.  
 David W. Sharpe,<sup>1</sup> New Haven.  
 Francis M. Wilder,<sup>1</sup> Bridgeport.  
 John H. Thacher, Hartford.

## ALTERNATES.

John H. Neff,<sup>1</sup> Bridgeport.  
 Sidney H. Smith, Danbury.  
 George L. Platt, Waterbury.  
 Henry C. Rodgers, South Norwalk.  
 George T. Meech, Middletown.  
 Ebenezer Bishop,<sup>1</sup> Putnam.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward Harland,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 Theodore G. Ellis,<sup>2</sup> 1868-69.  
 William H. Mallory,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 L. A. Dickinson,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
 Charles J. Buckbee,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
 William E. Disbrow,<sup>2</sup> 1876-77.  
 Frank G. Otis,<sup>2</sup> 1878 (died in office).  
 Charles E. Fowler,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 George S. Smith, Norwich, 1880.  
 Alfred B. Beers,<sup>1,4</sup> Bridgeport, 1881.  
 Ira E. Hicks,<sup>5</sup> New Britain, 1882.  
 Isaac B. Hyatt,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 William Berry,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 Frank D. Sloat, Washington, D. C., 1885.  
 John T. Crary,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Henry E. Taintor,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Samuel B. Horne,<sup>1</sup> Winsted, 1888.  
 William H. Pierpont,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 John C. Broatch,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Henry N. Fanton,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Benajah E. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Wilbur F. Rogers, Meriden, 1893.  
 Selah G. Blakeman,<sup>1</sup> Shelton, 1894.  
 John M. Brewer,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Oscar W. Cornish,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Gustav D. Bates,<sup>2</sup> 1897.

William E. Simonds,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Henry R. Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 John K. Bucklyn,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Thomas Boudren,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 N. Burton Rogers, Danbury, 1902.  
 Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hartford, 1903.  
 William C. Hillard, New Britain, 1904.  
 Albert A. May, Meriden, 1905.  
 Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.  
 Charles A. Appel,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Edward Griswold,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 George Haven, New London, 1909.  
 Edson S. Bishop,<sup>3</sup> Hartford, 1910.  
 Richard J. Cutbill,<sup>1</sup> South Norwalk,  
 1911.  
 William H. Dougal,<sup>1</sup> New Preston,  
 1912.  
 James R. Sloane,<sup>1</sup> Meriden, 1913.  
 Frederick V. Streeter,<sup>1</sup> New Britain,  
 1914.  
 Charles Griswold, Guilford, 1915.  
 Henry J. Seeley,<sup>1</sup> Bridgeport, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Beers, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Hicks, past junior vice commander in chief.

## DELAWARE (23).

[Organized Jan. 14, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 321; posts, 16.]

Department commander-----	James T. Alexander <sup>1</sup> -----	Wilmington.
Senior vice department commander-----	Orrin J. Cook <sup>1</sup> -----	Lincoln.
Junior vice department commander-----	R. H. Williams <sup>1</sup> -----	Marshallton.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. S. Litzenberg <sup>1</sup> -----	Wilmington.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

David R. Myers,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington.  
 William H. Middleton,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington.

## ALTERNATES.

James H. Porter, Wilmington.  
 Silas Thompson, Smyrna.

## DELAWARE—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. S. McNair,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 John Wainwright,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Daniel Ross,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 C. M. Carey,<sup>3</sup> 1884.  
 J. S. Litzenberg,<sup>4,1</sup> Wilmington, 1885.  
 John M. Dunn,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 John E. Mowbrey,<sup>1</sup> Dover, 1887.  
 R. G. Buckingham,<sup>1</sup> Newark, 1888.  
 Peter B. Ayars,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Samuel Lewis,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 A. J. Woodman,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 George W. Stradley, Laurel, 1892.  
 B. D. Bogia,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1893.  
 J. E. Vantine,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Edwin F. Wood,<sup>1</sup> Dover, 1895.  
 William B. Norton,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 J. S. Bradley,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Robert Liddell,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1898.  
 William H. Moystin,<sup>2</sup> 1899.

William A. Reilly,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1900.  
 J. W. Worrall,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 John C. Garner,<sup>1</sup> Smyrna, 1902.  
 William G. Baugh,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1903.  
 William Kelley, jr.,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1904.  
 William Tharp, Harrington, 1905.  
 Ira Lunt,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Jesse Hellings,<sup>1</sup> Dover, 1907.  
 H. W. Perkins,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1908.  
 William H. Blake,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1909.  
 George C. Morton,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1910.  
 William Mendenhall,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1911.  
 Jesse K. Baylis,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1912.  
 J. Rankin Armstrong, Newark, 1913.  
 J. T. Reihms,<sup>2</sup> 1914.  
 John P. Riley,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1915.  
 S. Sheward Johnson, Wilmington, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Litzenberg, assistant adjutant general.

## FLORIDA (36).

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 732; posts, 24.]

Department commander-----	John A. Wallace <sup>1</sup> -----	Tampa.
Senior vice department commander-----	Edward La Londe-----	Kissimmee.
Junior vice department commander-----	Henry F. Benson-----	Gainesville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. B. Bristol-----	Tampa.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

A. C. Shaffer,<sup>1</sup> Lakeland.  
 C. E. Spencer, Dade City.  
 E. G. Farris, St. Cloud.

## ALTERNATES.

Samuel Sage, Zephyrhills.  
 E. S. Upham, St. Petersburg.  
 William Marston,<sup>1</sup> Zephyrhills.  
 John S. Mason,<sup>1</sup> Daytona.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884-85.  
 G. H. Norton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 E. W. Henck, Plainfield, N. J., 1887.  
 William James,<sup>1,3</sup> Jacksonville, 1888.  
 J. W. V. R. Plummer,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Fred S. Goodrich,<sup>4</sup> 1890.  
 John H. Welsh,<sup>4</sup> 1891.  
 J. De V. Hazzard, Eustis, 1892.  
 George F. Foote, Washington, D. C., 1893.  
 David L. Way, Jacksonville, 1894.  
 P. E. McMurray,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 L. Y. Jenness,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.  
 George H. Packwood, Tampa, 1898.  
 Edwin Kirby,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 John S. Fairhead,<sup>2</sup> 1900.

F. G. Parcell,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 S. Herbert Lancy,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 J. F. Chase,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Henry Marcotte, St. Augustine, 1904.  
 T. J. Owen,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 William E. Emerson,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Samuel W. Fox,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 S. R. Hudson, Orlando, 1908.  
 James Skinner, Archer, 1909.  
 James O. Thompson, St. Petersburg, 1910.  
 Joseph Bumby,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 William P. Lynch, St. Cloud, 1912.  
 William S. Siggins, Zephyrhills, 1913.  
 Lyman Leighton, St. Petersburg, 1914.  
 James F. Bullard, St. Cloud, 1915.  
 W. H. Melrath,<sup>2</sup> 1916.

E. V. Richards, Lynn Haven, 1900, transferred from Jersey City.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade James, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41).

[Organized Jan. 25, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 143; posts, 9.]

Department commander-----	Geo. E. Whitman-----	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Senior vice department commander-----	R. Mathews-----	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Junior vice department commander-----	E. L. Mason-----	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. J. Hitch <sup>1</sup> -----	Fitzgerald, Ga.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

J. 'C. Kimball, Atlanta, Ga.

## ALTERNATE.

P. R. Booker, Fitzgerald, Ga.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John R. Lewis, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	F. D. Lee, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
David Porter, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	J. A. Commerford, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891.	C. F. Fairbanks, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
Thomas F. Gleason, <sup>2</sup> 1892-93.	W. H. Kimball, Tallapoosa, 1906.
C. T. Watson, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	O. P. Webster, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
L. B. Nelson, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	Leander Scott, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
John L. Clem, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C., 1896.	Charles R. Haskins, Atlanta, 1909.
James P. Averill, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	S. C. Brown, <sup>2</sup> 1910.
James O. Ladd, <sup>1</sup> Summerville, S. C., 1898.	F. A. Jones, <sup>1</sup> Tallapoosa, 1911.
Alex Mattison, Decatur, 1899.	C. H. Brooks, Fitzgerald, 1912.
S. A. Darnell, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	P. Q. Stoner, <sup>1</sup> St. George, 1913.
Lewis Thayer, Fitzgerald, 1901.	S. C. Wade, Cornelia, 1914.
W. M. Scott, <sup>3</sup> Atlanta, 1902.	W. B. Todd, Fitzgerald, 1915.
	R. S. Smith, <sup>1</sup> Tallapoosa, 1916.

Richard Bond,<sup>2</sup> 1879, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.J. W. Scully,<sup>2</sup> 1885, transferred from Louisiana and Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Scott, national council of administration.

## IDAHO (39).

[Organized Jan. 11, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 381; posts, 18.]

Department commander-----	George F. Kimery <sup>1</sup> -----	Boise.
Senior vice department commander-----	Frank Gibbon-----	Boise.
Junior vice department commander-----	T. J. Leeson-----	Nampa.
Assistant adjutant general-----	S. M. C. Reynolds-----	Boise.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

H. H. Day,<sup>1</sup> Nampa.  
James M. Gill,<sup>1</sup> Boise.

## ALTERNATES.

J. B. Wentley, Boise.  
Rodolph Myers, Coeur d'Alene.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. Nye, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	E. S. Whittier, <sup>3</sup> 1903.
A. S. Senter, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	C. F. Drake, Weiser, 1904.
W. T. Riley, Hailey, 1890.	George A. Manning, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891.	Alfred Anderson, Boise, 1906.
A. O. Ingalls, Murray, 1892.	A. M. Rowe, <sup>1</sup> Payette, 1907.
R. H. Barton, Moscow, 1893.	William K. Jamieson, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
T. J. Groome, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	Stewart Young, Rathdrum, 1909.
D. H. Budlong, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	Willard White, Boise, 1910.
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896.	M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911.
Lindol Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	James W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912.
N. F. Kimball, Weiser, 1898.	A. G. Nettleton, <sup>4</sup> Nampa, 1913.
S. L. Thompson, <sup>2</sup> 1899.	H. J. Newhouse, Rathdrum, 1914.
Charles A. Clark, Boise, 1900.	William H. Cable, <sup>2</sup> 1915.
William C. Maxey, <sup>3</sup> 1901.	R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916.
George M. Parsons, <sup>2</sup> 1902.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Nettleton, national council of administration.



## ILLINOIS (1).

[Organized Apr. 6, 1866. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 10,472; posts, 410.]

Department commander-----	C. S. Bentley <sup>1</sup> -----	La Grange, Ill.
Senior vice department commander----	Henry Little <sup>1</sup> -----	Chicago.
Junior vice department commander----	D. M. Sapp <sup>1</sup> -----	Plymouth.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Henry C. Cooke <sup>1</sup> -----	Chicago.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. M. Vernon,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 James M. Taylor,<sup>1</sup> Taylorville.  
 W. P. Wright,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 S. A. Campbell, Mattoon.  
 William Andrews, Rockford.  
 R. I. Law,<sup>1</sup> Galesburg.  
 H. B. Doll,<sup>1</sup> Peoria.  
 George E. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> Rock Island.  
 W. H. Gay, Quincy.  
 E. N. Dibble,<sup>1</sup> Peoria.  
 E. S. Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 J. Walter Lamb,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 James E. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Frank J. Rhyner,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 William D. Broomhead,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 J. M. Moody, Paris.  
 A. W. Webb, La Grange.  
 Hiram M. Pense, Chicago.  
 A. C. Best,<sup>1</sup> Princeton.  
 Addison Jones,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 George W. Huntoon, Waukegan.  
 H. K. Wolcott,<sup>1</sup> Batavia.  
 Robert Oliver, Rockford.  
 C. E. Perry,<sup>1</sup> Rochelle.  
 Adoniram Edwards,<sup>1</sup> Kirkwood.  
 Joseph F. Latimer, Abingdon.  
 Levi Silliman,<sup>1</sup> Toulon.  
 A. T. Hays,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln.  
 J. P. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> Danville.  
 D. B. Culp,<sup>1</sup> Decatur.  
 James Squire, Carrollton.  
 John Underfanger,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 L. W. Noyes,<sup>1</sup> East St. Louis.  
 D. C. Zimmerman,<sup>1</sup> Vandalia.  
 C. T. Marsh,<sup>1</sup> Rockford.  
 E. J. Ingersoll, Carbondale.

## ALTERNATES.

James J. Healy, Chicago.  
 Isaac N. Ransom,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 John A. Martin,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Maffitt Hulett,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 D. R. Heironymus,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 D. W. Coulter, Abingdon.  
 Robert Commons,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Samuel Van Brunt, Champaign.  
 L. W. Cutler, Abingdon.  
 Valentine Eckhart, Chicago.  
 Walter Sargent,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Henry Barnard, Chicago.  
 J. C. Gardner, Viola.  
 A. A. Lane,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 John L. Manning, Chicago.  
 C. L. Burton, Chicago.  
 W. Hirsch, Chicago.  
 William H. Bryan, Chicago.  
 J. F. McCroskey, Joliet.  
 H. L. Hossack, Ottawa.  
 S. R. Hall, Morrison.  
 Andrew Bladel, Rock Island.  
 John E. Andrew, Quincy.  
 H. C. Silliman, Chena.  
 J. M. Minor, Danville.  
 J. B. Nowlin, Farmer City.  
 L. Goheen,<sup>1</sup> Jacksonville.  
 U. S. Painter, Auburn.  
 James Smith, Alton.  
 S. B. Stout, Vandalia.  
 J. M. Johnson, Carbondale.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Stephenson,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 John M. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1866-1868.  
 Charles E. Lippincott,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 Guy T. Gould,<sup>2</sup> Oakland, Cal., 1873.  
 H. Hilliard,<sup>2</sup> 1874-1876.  
 Joseph S. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 T. B. Coulter, Canon City, Colo., 1878.  
 Edgar D. Swain,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 J. W. Burst,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Thomas G. Lawler,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Samuel A. Harper,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 L. T. Dickason,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 W. W. Berry,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Philip Sidney Post,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 A. C. Sweetser,<sup>2</sup> 1887.

James A. Sexton,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James S. Martin,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 William L. Dist'n,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Horace S. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Edwin Harlan,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Edward A. Blodgett,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 H. H. McDowell,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 William H. Powell,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.  
 Albert L. Schimpff,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 John C. Black,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John B. Inman,<sup>1 4</sup> Springfield, 1899.  
 Joel M. Longnecker,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 N. B. Thistlewood,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 H. M. Trimble,<sup>1 5</sup> Princeton, 1902.

## ILLINOIS—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Benson Wood,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Robert Mann Woods,<sup>1</sup> Chicago, 1904.  
 John C. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Edwin H. Buck,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 A. C. Mathews,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Joseph Rosenbaum,<sup>1</sup> Chicago, 1908.  
 Philip C. Hayes,<sup>2</sup> 1909.

James A. Connolly,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 C. C. Duffy, Ottawa, 1911.  
 Thomas H. Gault,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 J. H. Crowder, Bethany, 1913.  
 Samuel Fallows,<sup>1</sup> Chicago, 1914.  
 John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.  
 W. F. Calhoun,<sup>1</sup> Decatur, 1916.

Milton Stewart, Chicago, 1885, transferred from Kansas.

Charles M. Travis,<sup>2</sup> 1889, transferred from Indiana.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Gould, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Inman, national council of administration.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Trimble, past commander in chief.

## INDIANA (20).

[Organized Aug. 20, 1866. Reorganized Oct. 3, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 8,205; posts, 264.]

Department commander-----	Samuel M. Hensch	Fort Wayne.
Senior vice department commander----	William N. Pickerill	Indianapolis.
Junior vice department commander----	A. H. McQuiddy	New Albany.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. R. Fesler	Indianapolis.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

G. W. H. Kemper,<sup>1</sup> Muncie.  
 C. C. Schreeder,<sup>1</sup> Evansville.  
 Morris Ford,<sup>1</sup> New Harmony.  
 John W. Risher, Linton.  
 J. W. Jackson, Worthington.  
 James L. Miller, Jeffersonville.  
 T. O. Havens, Greensburg.  
 J. M. Brown, Franklin.  
 James F. Nosler, Terre Haute.  
 Simpson F. Lockridge,<sup>1</sup> Greencastle.  
 W. T. Murray, Connersville.  
 Robert W. McBride,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 William Mathews, Centerville.  
 W. W. Daugherty, Indianapolis.  
 A. Green,<sup>1</sup> Union City.  
 A. F. Cotton,<sup>1</sup> Bluffton.  
 Joseph B. Clark, Flora.  
 D. C. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Crawfordsville.  
 J. M. Little, Indianapolis.  
 Daniel White,<sup>1</sup> Lafayette.  
 G. S. Kendall,<sup>1</sup> Monticello.  
 Lewis Reeves, Hartford City.  
 Adam Foust,<sup>1</sup> Warren.  
 O. A. Kimble,<sup>1</sup> Howe.  
 D. L. Beaver,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne.  
 J. S. Hussey, Argos.  
 Edward L. Ephlin, Laporte.  
 Charles Laramore, Knox.

## ALTERNATES.

John W. Barnes,<sup>1</sup> Kokomo.  
 Byron Parsons, Evansville.  
 George D. Martin, Petersburg.  
 George Snyder, Washington.  
 T. M. Ryan,<sup>1</sup> Bloomfield.  
 W. J. Hauger, Salem.  
 W. F. Kendall, Columbus.  
 T. G. Day, Versailles.  
 William McClure, Terre Haute.  
 David Strouse,<sup>1</sup> Rockville.  
 Taylor Morford, Greenfield.  
 B. F. Murphy, Connersville.  
 Albert J. Ball,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 William D. Wilson, Indianapolis.  
 Liman E. Hanna, Muncie.  
 George Lawson,<sup>1</sup> Anderson.  
 T. R. Caldwell, Lebanon.  
 O. D. Blakeley, Covington.  
 Theo. Ristine,<sup>1</sup> Crawfordsville.  
 H. A. Miller, Montmorenci.  
 I. G. Pollard, Hammond.  
 W. H. Meshon, Marion.  
 J. Brewer, Wabash.  
 Joseph Kickley,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne.  
 Noah Knipper, Fort Wayne.  
 John Cornell, Goshen.  
 B. E. Baer, Mill Creek.  
 S. I. Brown, Knox.  
 George E. Farrington,<sup>1</sup> Terre Haute.  
 H. J. Stein,<sup>1</sup> Anderson.  
 E. M. Howard,<sup>1</sup> Logansport.  
 S. S. Kelker,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne.  
 W. H. Sellers,<sup>1</sup> Kokomo.

## INDIANA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Robert S. Foster,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 Nathan Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 Robert S. Foster,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Oliver M. Wilson,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Louis Humphrey,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Jonathan B. Hager,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Samuel E. Armstrong,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 William W. Dudley,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 James R. Carnahan,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 Edwin Nicar, South Bend, 1884.  
 David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, 1885.  
 Thomas W. Bennett,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Ira J. Chase,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Argus D. Vanosdol, Madison, 1888.  
 Charles M. Travis,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.  
 Ivan N. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Joseph B. Cheadle,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 James T. Johnston,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Albert O. Marsh,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Harvey B. Shively,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Henry M. Caylor, Noblesville, 1896.  
 James S. Dodge, Elkhart, 1897.

Daniel Ryan, Glenwood, 1898.  
 William L. Dunlap,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 David E. Beem, Spencer, 1900.  
 Milton Garrigus,<sup>1</sup> Kokomo, 1901.  
 Benjamin Starr,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 George W. Grubbs, Martinsville, 1903.  
 Daniel R. Lucas,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Marine D. Tackett,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Edmund R. Brown, Winamac, 1906.  
 William A. Ketcham,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis, 1907.  
 John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.  
 Orlando A. Somers,<sup>1,3</sup> Kokomo, 1909.  
 Alexander P. Asbury, Farmersburg, 1910.  
 Dan Waugh, Tipton, 1911.  
 Frank Swigart,<sup>2</sup> 1912 (died in office).  
 W. E. Gorsuch, South Bend, 1912.  
 Daniel W. Comstock,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 A. B. Crampton, Delphi, 1914.  
 Lewis King, Crampton, 1915.  
 V. V. Williams, Bedford, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Somers, national council of administration.

## IOWA (19).

[Organized Sept. 26, 1866. Reorganized Jan. 23, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 7,120; posts, 303.]

Department commander-----	J. L. Farrington <sup>1</sup> -----	Iowa Falls.
Senior vice department commander-----	S. C. Spear <sup>1</sup> -----	Algona.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Easterly-----	Clinton.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George A. Newman <sup>1</sup> -----	Des Moines.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

L. J. Kron, Hampton.  
 W. F. Gilbert,<sup>1</sup> Burlington.  
 J. M. Gregg,<sup>1</sup> Fairfield.  
 J. H. Lindsay, Marengo.  
 Frank Miller, Davenport.  
 A. G. Beatty,<sup>1</sup> Independence.  
 J. S. Pritchard, Belmond.  
 W. C. Tompkins, Clear Lake.  
 L. L. Cadwell,<sup>1</sup> Decorah.  
 G. W. Davis,<sup>1</sup> Lisbon.  
 R. B. Wallace, Marshalltown.  
 M. A. McCord, Newton.  
 J. W. Carr, Montezuma.  
 T. W. Hyde, Des Moines.  
 John B. Anderson,<sup>1</sup> Winterset.  
 W. E. Morrow,<sup>1</sup> Osceola.  
 J. S. Noble,<sup>1</sup> New Market.  
 P. H. Lenon, Guthrie Center.  
 W. A. Harding, Red Oak.  
 W. T. McKee,<sup>1</sup> Massena.  
 G. C. Chubb, Algona.  
 A. S. R. Reynolds, Fort Dodge.  
 David Starr, Emmetsburg.  
 J. C. McCoy,<sup>1</sup> Spencer.  
 G. W. Kingsnorth, Sioux City.

## ALTERNATES.

Frank G. Clark, Cedar Rapids.  
 J. F. C. Weade, Washington.  
 J. W. Shaffer, Fairfield.  
 George C. Hill, Clinton.  
 M. G. Dye, Monmouth.  
 B. Leighton, Waterloo.  
 E. A. Gregory, Union.  
 H. H. Bailey, New Hampton.  
 John R. Cook,<sup>1</sup> West Union.  
 David Heisey,<sup>1</sup> Anamosa.  
 J. Z. Benson,<sup>1</sup> Marshalltown.  
 G. W. Salmon, Mingo.  
 J. B. McCurdy, Oskaloosa.  
 C. C. Rifle, Des Moines.  
 Ed. Hyder, Winterset.  
 George W. Sheeks, Moravia.  
 T. McKinnie,<sup>1</sup> Afton.  
 E. B. Donaldson, Avoca.  
 G. P. Russell, Bayard.  
 C. E. Rogers, Boone.  
 H. A. Stowe, Fort Dodge.  
 J. L. Good, Boone.  
 James Fadden,<sup>1</sup> Spencer.  
 H. W. Allen, Sioux City.

## IOWA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Parrott, <sup>2</sup> 1874-75.	A. H. Evans, Keokuk, 1897.
A. A. Perkins, <sup>2</sup> 1876-78.	R. W. Tirrill, Manchester, 1898.
H. E. Griswold, <sup>2</sup> 1879.	C. F. Bailey, Barney, N. Dak., 1899.
W. F. Conrad, <sup>2</sup> 1880.	M. B. Davis, <sup>2</sup> 1900.
Peter V. Cary, Des Moines, 1881.	George Metzger, Davenport, 1901.
George B. Hogin, <sup>2</sup> 1882.	John Lindt, <sup>2</sup> 1902.
John B. Cook, <sup>2</sup> 1883.	L. B. Raymond, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
E. G. Miller, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.
W. R. Manning, <sup>2</sup> 1885.	S. H. Harper, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
W. A. McHenry, Denison, 1886.	Charles A. Clark, <sup>2</sup> 1906.
J. M. Tuttle, <sup>2</sup> 1887.	David J. Palmer, <sup>1,3</sup> Washington, 1907.
E. A. Consigny, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	J. C. Milliman, Logan, 1908.
Charles H. Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	M. McDonald, Biloxi, Miss., 1909.
Mason P. Mills, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	H. A. Dyer, <sup>2</sup> 1910.
Charles L. Davidson, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	Lot Abraham, Mount Pleasant, 1911.
J. J. Steadman, <sup>4</sup> Hollywood, Cal., 1892.	J. D. Brown, Leon, 1912.
Phil. Schaller, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	J. W. Willett, <sup>1,6</sup> Tama, 1913.
George A. Newman, <sup>1,5</sup> Des Moines, 1894.	Byron C. Ward, Des Moines, 1914.
J. K. P. Thompson, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	John F. Merry, <sup>2</sup> 1915.
Josiah Givin, <sup>2</sup> 1896.	John H. Mills, Redfield, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Palmer, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Steadman. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Newman, assistant adjutant general.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Willett, national council of administration.

## KANSAS (22).

[Organized Dec. 7, 1866. Reorganized Mar. 16, 1880. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 6,885; posts, 282.]

Department commander-----	A. C. Pierce <sup>1</sup> -----	Junction City.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. H. Johnston-----	Salina.
Junior vice department commander-----	Samuel Baughman <sup>1</sup> -----	Chanute.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. W. Denison <sup>1</sup> -----	Topeka.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

W. W. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Topeka.  
 J. H. Woolen,<sup>1</sup> Mankata.  
 T. H. Grisham,<sup>1</sup> Cottonwood Falls.  
 Jasper Mix,<sup>1</sup> Topeka.  
 J. G. Hanna,<sup>1</sup> Hiawatha.  
 S. J. Stewart,<sup>1</sup> Humboldt.  
 B. F. Pugh,<sup>1</sup> Ottawa.  
 George P. Washburn, Ottawa.  
 J. P. Short,<sup>1</sup> Winfield.  
 David Taylor,<sup>1</sup> Emporia.  
 Ed. G. Moore, National Military Home.  
 W. W. Palmer, Glasco.  
 L. H. Higgins,<sup>1</sup> Burlingame.  
 Charles Wingrove,<sup>1</sup> Clay Center.  
 E. R. Haynes,<sup>1</sup> Glasco.  
 George B. Crandall, Jewell.  
 J. W. McGhee,<sup>1</sup> Beloit.  
 W. H. Mitchell, Hutchinson.  
 J. A. Walter, Great Bend.  
 George W. Thacher, Great Bend.  
 Isaac Kinney, Newton.  
 Fred Jackson, McPherson.  
 S. M. Spangler, Newton.  
 H. S. Hallock, Topeka.

## ALTERNATES.

J. H. Downing, Hays.  
 James Whitehead, Emporia.  
 F. M. Kimball,<sup>1</sup> Topeka.  
 Godfrey Kinzie,<sup>1</sup> Hiawatha.  
 J. H. Osborn, Humboldt.  
 Scott Elliott, Lyndon.  
 F. A. Butler, Oak Hill.  
 A. S. McClelland, Jewell.  
 I. W. Gaylord, Beloit.  
 Elmer Everett, Hutchinson.  
 J. H. Williams, Wichita.

## KANSAS—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John A. Martin,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 John C. Carpenter, Chanute, 1868.  
 W. S. Jenkins,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73 (transferred to Missouri).  
 Stephen A. Cobb,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
 John Guthrie,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 J. H. Gilpatrick,<sup>2</sup> 1877-78.  
 J. C. Walkinshaw,<sup>2</sup> 1879-1882.  
 Thomas J. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Homer W. Pond,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 Milton J. Stewart,<sup>4</sup> Chicago, Ill., 1885.  
 C. J. McDivitt,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 T. H. Soward,<sup>3</sup> Guthrie, Okla., 1887.  
 J. W. Feighan,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Henry Booth,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Ira F. Collins, Sabetha, 1890.  
 Timothy McCarthy,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 A. R. Green, Hood River, Oreg., 1892.  
 Bernard Kelley, Topeka, 1893.  
 W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894.  
 John P. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 W. C. Whitney,<sup>2</sup> 1896.

Theo. Botkin, Cambellton, N. B., 1897.  
 D. W. Eastman,<sup>2</sup> 1898 (transferred to Oklahoma).  
 O. H. Coulter,<sup>2</sup> 1899 (transferred to California and Nevada).  
 W. W. Martin, National Military Home, 1900.  
 J. B. Remington,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 H. C. Loomis,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Abraham W. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Topeka, 1903.  
 Charles Harris,<sup>5</sup> Emporia, 1904.  
 P. H. Coney,<sup>1</sup> Topeka, 1905-6.  
 R. A. Campbell, Hutchinson, 1907.  
 W. A. Morgan,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Joel H. Rickel, Chanute, 1909.  
 Nathan E. Harmon,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 T. P. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 J. N. Harrison, Topeka, 1912-13.  
 Ira D. Brougher, Great Bend, 1914.  
 C. A. Meek, Wichita, 1915.  
 R. M. Painter, Meade, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Soward. See Oklahoma.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Stewart. See Illinois.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Harris, national council of administration.

## KENTUCKY (27).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 788; posts, 57.]

Department commander-----	J. R. Howard <sup>1</sup> -----	Lexington.
Senior vice department commander-----	Andrew Offutt-----	Lebanon.
Junior vice department commander-----	S. R. Sutton-----	Williamsburg.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	Le Vant Dodge <sup>1 3</sup> -----	Berea.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

T. A. Casey, Dayton.  
 C. H. W. Martin, Williamsburg.  
 C. F. Tucker, Greensburg.  
 Robert Edwards, Lebanon.

## ALTERNATES.

Jesse H. Green, Dayton.  
 Green B. Miller, Richmond.  
 Henderson Wheeler, Berea.  
 Mike Carey, Owensboro.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Michie,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 W. H. Harton,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 George W. Northup,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 T. Z. Morrow,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 William Bowman,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 O. A. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Vincent Boreing,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Michael Minton,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Samuel G. Hillis,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Edward H. Hobson,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 T. E. Livezey,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Daniel O'Riley,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 R. M. Kelly,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Americus Whedon,<sup>4</sup> Washington, D. C., 1896.  
 Andrew J. Tharp,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 John W. Hammond, Louisville, 1898.

Joseph H. Browning,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 L. M. Drye, Bradfordsville, 1900.  
 John Blaes,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 T. F. Beyland,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 W. G. Foree, Louisville, 1903.  
 William T. Bausmith,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Bernard Mathews, Louisville, 1905.  
 George T. Grinstead, Waco, 1906.  
 Le Vant Dodge,<sup>1 3</sup> Berea, 1907-8.  
 R. B. Hewetson,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 S. D. Van Pelt, Danville, 1910.  
 C. C. Degman,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 John Barr, Lebanon, 1912.  
 W. J. L. Hughes,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Edwin Farley, Paducah, 1914.  
 John T. Gunn, Lexington, 1915.  
 Sam D. Brown, Louisville, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Dodge, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Whedon, past junior vice commander in chief.



## LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35).

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884. Changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 486; posts, 34.]

Department commander-----	E. T. Gipson-----	New Orleans, La.
Senior vice department commander-----	H. N. Singleton-----	Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander-----	John Pierce-----	New Orleans, La.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	O. Pilman-----	New Orleans, La.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Watson Daniel, Vicksburg, Miss.  
Sylvester Jackson, New Orleans.  
Charles Moran, New Orleans.

## ALTERNATES.

J. W. Cornelius, Baton Rouge.  
Dave Smith, New Orleans.  
Daniel Freeman, New Orleans.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William Roy,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
J. W. Scully,<sup>2</sup> 1885 (transferred to Georgia and South Carolina).  
A. S. Badger,<sup>2</sup> 1886-1892.  
Charles H. Shute,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
Charles W. Keeting,<sup>2</sup> 1894-1899.  
F. C. Antoine,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
Paul Bruce, New Orleans, La., 1901.  
Charles W. Keeting,<sup>2</sup> 1902-1904.

J. S. Davidson, New Orleans, La., 1905.  
P. H. Boyle,<sup>2</sup> 1906-7.  
James Lewis,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
J. A. Brookshire, New Orleans, La., 1909.  
E. K. Russ,<sup>1,3</sup> New Orleans, La., 1910-1915.  
E. T. Gipson,<sup>4</sup> New Orleans, La., 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Russ, junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gipson, department commander.

## MAINE (9).

[Organized Jan. 10, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,630; posts, 131.]

Department commander-----	John Q. Adams <sup>1</sup> -----	Houlton.
Senior vice department commander-----	Cyrus T. Wardwell <sup>1</sup> -----	Oxford.
Junior vice department commander-----	Chas. E. Ames <sup>1</sup> -----	Damariscotta Mills.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	Fred A. Motley <sup>1</sup> -----	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Ira C. Jordan,<sup>1</sup> Bethel.  
L. C. Putnam,<sup>1</sup> Belfast.  
C. E. Nason,<sup>1</sup> Gray.  
A. B. Perkins,<sup>1</sup> Augusta.  
Edward A. Butler,<sup>1</sup> Rockland.  
Franklin Maxim,<sup>1</sup> South Paris.  
Charles S. Crowell,<sup>1</sup> Lewiston.  
Charles F. Smith, Saco.  
John F. Foster,<sup>1</sup> Bangor.  
W. S. Leavitt, Island Falls.

## ALTERNATES.

James H. Kidder, Houlton.  
E. S. McDonald, Belfast.  
Clark Wayland,<sup>1</sup> Portland.  
Charles E. Wing, Wayne.  
Thomas N. Ayer,<sup>1</sup> Damariscotta.  
Wilder S. Irish, Camden.  
Patrick Hayes, Togus.  
N. H. Pillsbury, Biddeford.  
F. L. Palmer, Monroe.  
A. H. Prince, Portland.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George L. Beal,<sup>2</sup> 1868-69.  
Charles P. Mattocks,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
Daniel White,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
Selden Connor,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
Nelson Howard,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
John D. Myrick,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
Augustus C. Hamlin,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
Winsor B. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
Isaac S. Bangs,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
William G. Haskell,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
Augustus B. Farnham, Bangor, 1882.  
Elijah M. Shaw,<sup>2</sup> 1883.

Benjamin Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
James A. Hall,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
Samuel W. Lane,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
Richard K. Gately,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
Horace H. Burbank,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
Franklin M. Drew, Lewiston, 1889.  
John D. Anderson,<sup>1</sup> Gray, 1890.  
Samuel D. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
Isaac Dyer,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
Wainwright Cushing, Foxcroft, 1893.  
J. Wesley Gilman,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
William H. Green,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

## MAINE—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Lorenzo D. Carver,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Leroy T. Carleton,<sup>1</sup> Winthrop, 1897.  
 Charles A. Southard,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Frederick Robie,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Seth T. Snipe,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 William C. Clayton,<sup>1</sup> Bangor, 1901.  
 James L. Merrick,<sup>1</sup> Waterville, 1902.  
 Joshua L. Chamberlain,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Edwin C. Milliken,<sup>1,3</sup> Portland, 1904.  
 Henry O. Perry,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Frederick S. Walls,<sup>1</sup> Vinal Haven, 1906.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Milliken, past senior vice commander in chief.

Frank F. Goss, Auburn, 1907.  
 Woodbury K. Dana,<sup>1</sup> Westbrook, 1908.  
 Augustus W. McCausland,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 John W. Webster,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Edwin Riley,<sup>1</sup> Livermore Falls, 1911.  
 William H. Holston,<sup>1</sup> Cumberland Mills, 1912.  
 John F. Lamb,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.  
 Simon S. Andrews,<sup>1</sup> Biddeford, 1915.  
 Tobias L. Eastman,<sup>1</sup> Fryeburg, 1916.

## MARYLAND (16).

[Organized Jan. 8, 1868. Reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,138; posts, 53.]

Department commander	-----E. Walter Giles <sup>1</sup> -----	Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander	-----George H. Rush <sup>1</sup> -----	Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander	-----Edward A. Zile <sup>1</sup> -----	Windsor.
Assistant adjutant-general	-----Robert C. Sunstrom-----	Baltimore.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

John N. Jenks,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.  
 B. F. Clarkson, Baltimore.  
 Joseph Inloes,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.  
 James T. Mitchell,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.  
 A. D. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.

## ALTERNATES.

A. A. Camp, Cumberland.  
 William Adams, Baltimore.  
 Joshua Thomas, Hagerstown.  
 George T. Leach,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew W. Dennison,<sup>2</sup> 1867-1869.  
 E. Y. Goldsborough,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 Edward T. Daneker, Baltimore, 1871.  
 Adam E. King,<sup>2</sup> 1872.  
 Erastus B. Tyler,<sup>2</sup> 1876-1878.  
 William E. Griffith, Baltimore, 1879.  
 William E. W. Ross,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 Graham Dukehart, Baltimore, 1882.  
 John Suter,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Frank M. Smith, Baltimore, 1884.  
 John W. Horn,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 George W. F. Vernon,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore, 1886.  
 Henry P. Underhill,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Theodore F. Lang,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George F. Wheeler, Baltimore, 1889.  
 George R. Graham,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Joseph C. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Wallace A. Bartlett,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Frank Nolen,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Myron L. Rose,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Oliver A. Horner,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

A. S. Cooper,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 George W. Johnson,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 David L. Stanton,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore, 1898.  
 Lewis M. Zimmerman,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 John R. King,<sup>1,3</sup> Baltimore, 1900.  
 John G. Taylor, Baltimore, 1901.  
 John W. Worth,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 William Stahl,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 James Campbell, Baltimore, 1904.  
 Richard N. Bowerman, Baltimore, 1905.  
 George Prechtel,<sup>1</sup> Upperco, 1906.  
 Fred C. Tarr,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Robert C. Sunstrom,<sup>4</sup> Baltimore, 1908.  
 Benjamin F. Taylor, Baltimore, 1909.  
 William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910.  
 John T. Holmes, Baltimore, 1911.  
 George Prechtel,<sup>1,5</sup> Upperco, 1912.  
 Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.  
 Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.  
 Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.  
 James E. Van Sant, Ellicott City, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade King, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Sunstrom, assistant adjutant general.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Prechtel, department commander, 1906.

## MASSACHUSETTS (7).

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 8,243; posts, 200.]

Department commander	Daniel E. Denny <sup>1</sup>	Worcester.
Senior vice department commander	Edwin P. Stanley <sup>1</sup>	Manchester.
Junior vice department commander	George W. Wilder <sup>1</sup>	Boston.
Assistant adjutant general	Philip A. Nordell <sup>1</sup>	Boston.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Edward H. Haskell,<sup>1</sup> Newton Center.  
 Lewis F. Amadon,<sup>1</sup> North Adams.  
 Charles H. Berry,<sup>1</sup> Groton.  
 Francis A. Bicknell,<sup>1</sup> North Weymouth.  
 Joseph Bowers,<sup>1</sup> Fall River.  
 George M. Bowker,<sup>1</sup> Concord Junction.  
 Henry Clark,<sup>1</sup> North Cambridge.  
 H. E. W. Clark,<sup>1</sup> Thorndike.  
 George W. Corey,<sup>1</sup> Southbridge.  
 Genery T. Darling,<sup>1</sup> Worcester.  
 Daniel H. Dickenson,<sup>1</sup> Ayer.  
 Obed H. Ellis,<sup>1</sup> Whitman.  
 William H. Foster,<sup>1</sup> Orange.  
 John A. Hall,<sup>1</sup> Brockton.  
 Benjamin A. Ham, South Boston.  
 George W. Heath,<sup>1</sup> Haverhill.  
 C. Bradford Holmes,<sup>1</sup> Revere.  
 John H. Lawrence,<sup>1</sup> New Bedford.  
 Charles H. Lewis,<sup>1</sup> Newburyport.  
 Dudley J. Marston,<sup>1</sup> Amesbury.  
 John W. McKnight,<sup>1</sup> Beverly.  
 Theodore K. Parker,<sup>1</sup> Winchendon.  
 George W. Pratt,<sup>1</sup> Stoughton.  
 Sidney Sibley,<sup>1</sup> Fitchburg.  
 Bernhard Sommer,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 George L. Spencer,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 John Stafford,<sup>1</sup> Cambridgeport.  
 William K. Webber,<sup>1</sup> Lynn.

## ALTERNATES.

Thomas H. Soule, jr.,<sup>1</sup> Hyannis.  
 S. F. Buffum, Hanover.  
 William P. Burge, Westfield.  
 Leonard W. Cain, East Weymouth.  
 Harvey Clark, Ashburnham.  
 George A. J. Colgan, Dorchester.  
 John J. Curran, Lawrence.  
 John A. Day, Bradford.  
 James F. Flynn, Boston.  
 Alexander W. Fulton, North Adams.  
 T. J. Gifford, New Bedford.  
 John Gilbert, Fall River.  
 Delette H. Hall, West Acton.  
 William J. Hargraves, West Roxbury.  
 Charles R. Huntley, West Boylston.  
 George Kendall, Gardner.  
 Richard H. Lincoln, Dedham.  
 Francis A. Lovejoy, Ayer.  
 Thomas Montgomery, Cambridge.  
 James Morgan, Lawrence.  
 Charles S. Noyes, Newburyport.  
 Alphonso Oakes, Orange.  
 Frank J. O'Reilly, Cambridge.  
 Frank H. Prescott, Revere.  
 Charles F. Robinson, Marlboro.  
 Clarence M. Sprague, Lynn.  
 Horace S. Tower, West Hanover.  
 Henry A. Winn, Worcester.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Austin S. Cushman,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 A. B. R. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Frances A. Osborn,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 James L. Bates,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 William Cogswell,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 Henry R. Sibley,<sup>2</sup> 1872.  
 A. B. Underwood,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 John W. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 George S. Merrill,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Horace Binney Sargent,<sup>2</sup> 1876-1878.  
 John G. B. Adams,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 John A. Hawes,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 George W. Creasey,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 George H. Patch,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 George S. Evans,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 John D. Billings,<sup>1</sup> Allston, 1884.  
 John W. Hersey,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Richard F. Tobin,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Charles D. Nash,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Myron P. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George L. Goodale,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 George H. Innis,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Arthur A. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 James K. Churchill,<sup>2</sup> 1892.

Eli W. Hall,<sup>1</sup> Lynn, 1893.  
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,<sup>1</sup> Boston, 1894.  
 Joseph W. Thayer,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William P. Derby,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 John M. Deane,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 William H. Bartlett,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John E. Gilman,<sup>1,4</sup> Roxbury, 1899.  
 Peter D. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Silas A. Barton,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Wilmon A. Blackmar,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Dwight O. Judd,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Lucius Field,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 James H. Wolff,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 J. Payson Bradley,<sup>1</sup> Boston, 1906.  
 D. H. L. Gleason,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Alfred S. Roe,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 John L. Parker,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 J. Willard Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1910 (died in office).  
 Granville C. Fiske,<sup>1</sup> Ashland, 1910-11.  
 George A. Hosley,<sup>1</sup> Chester, N. H., 1912.  
 Thomas J. Ames,<sup>1</sup> Leominster, 1913.  
 John M. Woods,<sup>1</sup> Somerville, 1914.  
 Alfred H. Knowles,<sup>1</sup> Arlington, 1915.  
 Frances E. Mole,<sup>1</sup> Adams, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gilman, past commander in chief.



## MICHIGAN (18).

[Organized May 6, 1868. Reorganized Jan. 22, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 6,257; posts, 252.]

Department commander-----	William O. Lee <sup>1</sup> -----	Port Huron.
Senior vice department commander-----	Henry W. Stevens-----	Tecumseh.
Junior vice department commander-----	E. E. Lewis-----	Coldwater.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	Henry Spaulding <sup>1</sup> -----	Lansing.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Thomas B. Main, Midland.  
 Charles A. Bartlett,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 Albert Dunham,<sup>1</sup> Jackson.  
 William Smalley,<sup>1</sup> Coldwater.  
 Samuel P. Hartshorn, Marcellus.  
 Theo. C. Putnam, Grand Rapids.  
 John Davidson,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 George W. Howe,<sup>1</sup> Port Huron.  
 R. C. Blair, Lake Odessa.  
 W. W. Dean, Traverse City.  
 Hiram Russell,<sup>1</sup> Bay City.  
 Christopher F. Haukey, Petoskey.  
 William A. Jellison,<sup>1</sup> Marquette.  
 Charles K. Radcliffe,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 H. A. Chapin,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 E. W. Bordo, Battle Creek.  
 George A. B. Cooke,<sup>1</sup> Three Rivers.  
 J. A. Todd,<sup>1</sup> Kalamazoo.  
 Griff Lewis,<sup>1</sup> Bay City.  
 O. P. Coleman, Grand Rapids.  
 A. L. Bryant,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 James E. Mason,<sup>1</sup> Athens.

## ALTERNATES.

George J. Dart,<sup>1</sup> Akron.  
 Alex S. McWilliams, Detroit.  
 E. L. Negus, Chelsea.  
 George E. Wallace, Battle Creek.  
 Thomas Biddle, South Haven.  
 Jonathan Brearley,<sup>1</sup> Grand Rapids.  
 Isaac Morse, Mason.  
 Amos A. Haskell,<sup>1</sup> Port Huron.  
 J. C. Thomas, Lansing.  
 A. J. Teed, Cadillac.  
 Charles Bousch, Bay City.  
 W. R. Montgomery, Petoskey.  
 Thomas D. Nelson, Ishpeming.  
 Henry Burbank, Detroit.  
 Frank Lester, Mason.  
 Henry Kahler, Athens.  
 C. E. Moore, Marquette.  
 D. Z. Kline, Grand Rapids.  
 J. F. Waltrous, Chelsea.  
 L. L. Harsh, Union City.  
 A. B. Chapin,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 Charles L. Seekel,<sup>1</sup> Three Rivers.  
 J. J. Holmes,<sup>1</sup> Eaton Rapids.  
 J. D. Sumner,<sup>1</sup> Kensington, Md.  
 D. S. Howard,<sup>1</sup> Pontiac.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,<sup>2</sup> 1867 (provisional)  
 William A. Throop,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 William Humphrey,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 C. V. R. Pond,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 A. T. McReynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids,  
 1881-82.  
 Oscar A. Janes,<sup>1,3</sup> Detroit, 1883.  
 Rush J. Shank,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 Charles D. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 John Northwood, New Lothrop, 1886.  
 L. G. Rutherford,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Washington Gardner,<sup>1,4</sup> Albion, 1888.  
 Michael Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (transferred to  
 Montana).  
 Henry M. Duffield,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles L. Eaton,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Henry S. Dean,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 James H. Kidd,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.  
 S. B. Daboll,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William Shakespeare,<sup>2</sup> 1896.

Aaron T. Bliss,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Alex. L. Patrick,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Russell R. Pealer, Three Rivers, 1899.  
 Ethel M. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 James Van Kleeck, Bay City, 1901.  
 Edward C. Anthony, Negaunee, 1902.  
 D. B. K. VanRaalte,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 George H. Hopkins,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 E. C. Cannon, Evart, 1905.  
 Joseph B. Griswold,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William Jibb,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Charles E. Foote,<sup>2</sup> 1908 (died in office)  
 G. L. Holmes,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James M. Greenfield, Flushing, 1909.  
 Samuel J. Lawrence,<sup>1,5</sup> Detroit, 1910.  
 George W. Stone, Lansing, 1911.  
 John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.  
 Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, 1913.  
 Riley L. Jones, Detroit, 1914.  
 Henry C. Rankin,<sup>2</sup> 1915 (died in office)  
 Eli Strong, Kalamazoo, 1915.  
 L. H. Ives, Mason, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Janes, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gardner, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Lawrence, national council of administration.

## MINNESOTA (24).

[Organized Aug. 14, 1867. Reorganized Aug. 17, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,692; posts, 144.]

Department commander	Silas H. Towler <sup>3,1</sup>	Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander	Chas. H. Robinson <sup>1</sup>	Waterville.
Junior vice department commander	E. F. Kenrick	St. Paul.
Assistant adjutant general	Orton S. Clark <sup>1</sup>	St. Paul.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Ole Larson,<sup>1</sup> Fergus Falls.  
 A. B. Clark, Winona.  
 Chas. H. Bennett,<sup>1</sup> Pipestone.  
 G. C. Canfield, Brownton.  
 John N. Thayer,<sup>1</sup> St. Paul.  
 George W. Gale,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis.  
 Henry W. Garfield,<sup>1</sup> Wadena.  
 M. D. Manning, Willmar.  
 J. D. Budd,<sup>1</sup> Duluth.  
 D. D. Storms,<sup>1</sup> Clearwater.

## ALTERNATES.

E. E. Corliss, Fergus Falls.  
 E. A. Knowlton, Rochester.  
 M. F. Barber, Montevideo.  
 S. W. Powell, Stillwater.  
 F. E. Callendar,<sup>1</sup> St. Paul.  
 Luther S. Meeker, Minneapolis.  
 James A. Norris, Sauk Center.  
 E. M. Sanford, Willmar.  
 Asa Dailey, Duluth.  
 William Denney, Anoka.  
 C. P. Silloway,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis.  
 F. B. Morgan,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis.  
 G. H. Kennedy,<sup>1</sup> Stillwater.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry G. Hicks,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Henry A. Castle,<sup>2</sup> 1872-1874.  
 George H. Johnston,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Adam Marty, St. Paul, 1881-82.  
 John P. Rea,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Edward C. Babb,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.  
 William Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Lewis L. Wheelock,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 James H. Ege,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Alphonso Barto,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 James Compton,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles D. Parker,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 L. M. Lange, Cass Lake, 1892.  
 John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.  
 Samuel R. Van Sant,<sup>4</sup> Minneapolis, 1894.  
 Eli Torrance,<sup>5</sup> Minneapolis, 1895.  
 J. J. McCurdy,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 E. B. Wood, Long Prairie, 1897.

E. W. Mortimer,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 D. B. Searle,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Gideon S. Ives, St. Paul, 1900.  
 William H. Harries, Minnehaha Falls, 1901.  
 Perry Starkweather,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Isaac L. Mahan, St. Paul, 1903.  
 Harrison White, Minneapolis, 1904.  
 C. F. Macdonald, St. Cloud, 1905.  
 Levi Longfellow,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, 1906.  
 George A. Whitney,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Marcus W. Bates,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Loren W. Collins,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Philip G. Woodward,<sup>9</sup> Anoka, 1910.  
 J. A. Everett, Fairmont, 1911.  
 William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912.  
 Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913.  
 Charles H. Hopkins, Fairfax, 1914.  
 Watson W. Hall, St. Paul, 1915.  
 Charles Van Campen, Rochester, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Towler, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Van Sant, past commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Torrance, past commander in chief.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Woodward, national council of administration.

## MISSOURI (25).

[Organized May 16, 1867. Reorganized Apr. 22, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 3,884; posts, 183.]

Department commander	Thos. W. Evans <sup>1</sup>	St. Joseph.
Senior vice department commander	O. H. Guffin	Kansas City.
Junior vice department commander	P. W. Bahl	Springfield.
Assistant adjutant general	Wilbur F. Henry <sup>1</sup>	St. Louis.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

E. W. Duncan,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.  
 R. B. Dodge,<sup>1</sup> Webb City.  
 W. K. Collins,<sup>1</sup> Lees Summit.  
 W. M. Smith, Springfield.

## ALTERNATES.

M. P. Owen,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.  
 A. Whipple,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.  
 Max Fritz, St. Louis.  
 W. H. Rudolph, St. Louis.

## MISSOURI—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES—continued.

John Harnois, St. Joseph.  
 John Hack, Trenton.  
 S. D. Webster,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.  
 Frank Arnold, Lamar.  
 G. B. Cunningham,<sup>1</sup> Kirksville.  
 H. J. Dutton, Springfield.  
 Chas. B. Kurtz,<sup>1</sup> Kansas City.  
 G. E. Edwards, St. Louis.  
 Jacob Hott,<sup>1</sup> Clarksburg.  
 Nich. Mathias,<sup>1</sup> Moberly.

## ALTERNATES—continued.

B. F. Morgan, Oregon.  
 J. N. Moore, Kansas City.  
 Elmer Graham, Eldon.  
 C. E. Miller, St. Louis.  
 S. W. Serl,<sup>1</sup> Kansas City.  
 Alf. Zartman, Kansas City.  
 S. Fielder,<sup>1</sup> Fairport.  
 M. L. Ham, Kansas City.  
 Henry Frein, St. Louis.  
 John Michel,<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph.  
 G. A. Douglas,<sup>1</sup> Warrensburg.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Wm. Warner,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 W. F. Chamberlain, Hannibal, 1884.  
 Nelson Cole,<sup>2</sup> 1885-86.  
 E. E. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Hiram Smith, jr.,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 John E. Phelps,<sup>3</sup> Orting, Wash., 1889.  
 Leo Rassieur,<sup>4</sup> St. Louis, 1890.  
 George W. Martin, Brookfield, 1891.  
 C. W. Whitehead,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Chas. G. Burton,<sup>5,1</sup> Portland, Oreg., 1893.  
 Louis Grund,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Louis Benecke, Brunswick, 1895.  
 Thomas B. Rodgers,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 John P. Platt,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 A. G. Peterson,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John W. Scott, Keuka, Fla., 1899.

W. F. Henry,<sup>1,6</sup> St. Louis, 1900.  
 George Hall, Trenton, 1901.  
 Ira T. Bronson,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 F. M. Sterrett,<sup>7</sup> Troy, Ohio, 1903.  
 Jere T. Dew,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Henry Fairback,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 John M. Williams,<sup>1</sup> California, 1906.  
 Thomas D. Kimball, St. Louis, 1907.  
 J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.  
 W. H. Skinner,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Robert N. Denhan,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Benjamin Warner,<sup>1</sup> Kansas City, 1911.  
 Charles W. Rubey,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 Arthur Dreifus,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 William Lowe,<sup>1</sup> Warrensburg, 1914.  
 James B. Dobyne, St. Louis, 1915.  
 Alex McCandless, Moberly, 1916.

William S. Jenkins,<sup>2</sup> 1872, transferred from Kansas.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Phelps. See Washington and Alaska.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Rassieur, past commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Burton, past commander in chief.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Henry, assistant adjutant general.

<sup>7</sup> Comrade Sterrett, national council of administration.

## MONTANA (37).

[Organized Mar. 10, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 225; posts, 10.]

Department commander.....	Simon Hauswirth <sup>1</sup> .....	Butte.
Senior vice department commander.....	Charles H. Cobb.....	Great Falls.
Junior vice department commander.....	William Coleman.....	Deer Lodge.
Assistant adjutant general.....	Charles H. Frady <sup>1</sup> .....	Helena.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Thomas Williams,<sup>1</sup> Butte.  
 William Roney,<sup>1</sup> Billings.

## ALTERNATES.

Charles Bielenberg, Deer Lodge.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas P. Fuller,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Charles S. Warren, Butte, 1886.  
 Ela C. Waters,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Julius G. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James E. Galloway,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Ed. F. Ferris,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Harry C. Kessler,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John L. Sloan,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, Ohio, 1893.  
 Peter R. Dolman,<sup>2</sup> 1894.

Robert E. Fisk,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Lester S. Willson, Bozeman, 1896.  
 Thaddeus C. Davidson,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 W. H. H. Dickinson,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 C. B. Miller, Somers, 1899.  
 P. H. Manchester,<sup>2</sup> Escondido, Cal. 1900.  
 Frank P. Sterling,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Alanson N. Bull,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 J. S. Wisner,<sup>2</sup> 1903.

## MONTANA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Henry N. Blake,<sup>1</sup> Boston, Mass., 1904.  
 Wilbur F. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 A. J. Fisk,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 B. N. Beebe,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Edwin C. Kinney,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Edwin S. Pease,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Robert G. Huston,<sup>2</sup> 1910.

John J. Rohrbaugh,<sup>4</sup> 1911.  
 W. Y. Smith, Bozeman, 1912.  
 P. W. Sheehy, Butte, 1913.  
 E. L. Barnes, Great Falls, 1914.  
 James R. Goss,<sup>1</sup> Billings, 1915.  
 G. I. Reiche, Columbia Falls, 1916.

Michael Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1889, transferred from Michigan.

J. B. Wolgemuth,<sup>2</sup> 1905, transferred from South Dakota.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Manchester. See California and Nevada.

<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## NEBRASKA (17).

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,911; posts, 176.]

Department commander	----- Wilson E. Majors <sup>1</sup>	----- Peru.
Senior vice department commander	----- James D. Gage	----- Dunning.
Junior vice department commander	----- George W. Fuller	----- Seward.
Assistant adjutant general	----- A. M. Trimble <sup>1</sup>	----- Lincoln.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. S. Hoagland,<sup>1</sup> North Platte.  
 John P. Heine,<sup>1</sup> Hooper.  
 Andy Traynor,<sup>1</sup> Omaha.  
 Charles A. Flippin,<sup>1</sup> Grand Island.  
 James McKelvey, Juniata.  
 H. W. George,<sup>1</sup> Omaha.  
 Thomas E. Glass,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln.  
 William Robb,<sup>1</sup> Lexington.  
 W. A. Doggett, Lincoln.  
 Theodore Baker,<sup>1</sup> Ord.  
 A. J. Frantz, Hastings.

## ALTERNATES.

Charles Wooster, Silver Creek.  
 Edward Updyke,<sup>1</sup> Omaha.  
 J. M. Mahaffey,<sup>1</sup> Bennett.  
 J. F. David, Huntley.  
 Joseph S. Phebus,<sup>1</sup> York.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Paul Vandervoort,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 R. H. Wilbur,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 James W. Savage,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 S. J. Alexander,<sup>2</sup> 1881-82.  
 John C. Bonnell,<sup>3</sup> Logan City, Tex.,  
 1883.  
 Henry E. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. V. Cole,<sup>4</sup> Long Beach, Cal., 1885.  
 John M. Thayer,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Henry C. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 W. C. Henry,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 J. B. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (died in office).  
 S. H. Morrison,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 T. S. Clarkson,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Joseph Teeter, McCook, 1891.  
 C. J. Dilworth,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Alonzo H. Church,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Church Howe,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 C. E. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Omaha, 1895.  
 J. H. Culver, Milford, 1896.  
 John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton, 1897.

Thomas J. Majors, Peru, 1898.  
 John E. Evans, North Platte, 1899.  
 John Reese, Broken Bow, 1900.  
 Robert S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.  
 C. F. Steele,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Lee Estelle, Omaha, 1903.  
 Harmon Bross, Lincoln, 1904.  
 John Lett, York, 1905.  
 John R. Maxon, Minden, 1906.  
 Thomas A. Creigh,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Eli A. Barnes, Grand Island, 1908.  
 L. D. Richards,<sup>1</sup> Fremont, 1909.  
 John F. Diener, Lincoln, 1910.  
 A. M. Trimble,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln, 1911.  
 M. V. King, Geneva, 1912.  
 John A. Dempster,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 O. H. Durand,<sup>2</sup> 1914.  
 George C. Humphrey,<sup>1</sup> Grand Island,  
 1915.  
 W. H. Stewart, Geneva, 1916.

Griff J. Thomas, Harvard, 1879-81, transferred from Wisconsin.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Cole. See California and Nevada.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Trimble, assistant adjutant general.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (12).

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,356; posts, 70.]

Department commander	Charles W. Hobbs <sup>1</sup>	Pelham.
Senior vice department commander	Eugene Wason <sup>1</sup>	Milford.
Junior vice department commander	Isaac Baty <sup>1</sup>	Penacook.
Assistant adjutant general	Frank Battles <sup>1</sup>	Concord.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

M. L. Morrison,<sup>1</sup> Peterboro.  
 J. N. Patterson,<sup>1</sup> Concord.  
 John Moulton,<sup>1</sup> Manchester.  
 E. A. Badger, Lakeport.  
 Daniel W. Hayden,<sup>1</sup> Hollis.  
 Andrew Hanon,<sup>1</sup> Berlin.

## ALTERNATES.

Daniel Kidder, Rumney.  
 Henry S. Paul,<sup>1</sup> Portsmouth.  
 William Pike, Groveton.  
 J. M. Sanborn, Lakeport.  
 Henry L. Harris, Warner.  
 John A. Emerson, Dunbarton.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Matthew T. Betton,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 William R. Patten,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Daniel Vaughan,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 James E. Larkin,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 Augustus H. Bixby,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 William H. Trickey,<sup>1</sup> Tilton, 1872.  
 Timothy W. Challis,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 Alvin S. Eaton,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Charles J. Richards,<sup>2</sup> 1876-1878.  
 George Bowers,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 Martin A. Haynes,<sup>1</sup> Lakeport, 1881-82.  
 John C. Linehan,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 Marcus M. Collis,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 George Farr,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Otis C. Wyatt,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 A. B. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James F. Grimes,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Thomas Cogswell,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Everett B. Huse,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Daniel Hall, Dover, 1892.  
 Frank G. Noyes,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 David R. Pierce,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Charles E. Buzzell,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

Lewis W. Aldrich,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 James Minot,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 A. S. Twitchell,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Horace L. Worcester,<sup>1</sup> Rochester, 1899.  
 David E. Proctor,<sup>1</sup> Wilton, 1900.  
 A. C. Haines,<sup>1</sup> Newmarket, 1901.  
 William S. Carter,<sup>1</sup> Lebanon, 1902.  
 Edward E. Parker, Nashua, 1903.  
 Henry O. Kent,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Daniel B. Newhall,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Osman B. Warren,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William S. Pillsbury,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Augustus D. Sanborn,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Charles W. Stevens,<sup>1</sup> Nashua, 1909.  
 A. D. Scovell,<sup>1</sup> Manchester, 1910.  
 Henry A. Conant,<sup>2</sup> 1911 (died in office).  
 William A. Beckford, Bristol, 1912.  
 George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.  
 David R. Roys,<sup>1</sup> Claremont, 1913.  
 O. B. Douglass,<sup>1</sup> Concord, 1914.  
 M. B. Plummer,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 R. J. Leavitt,<sup>1</sup> Pittsfield, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## NEW JERSEY (8).

[Organized Dec. 10, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,592; posts, 96.]

Department commander	Walter S. Tully <sup>1</sup>	Roselle Park.
Senior vice department commander	George E. Boyd <sup>1</sup>	Jersey City.
Junior vice department commander	Edward A. Warden	Millvale.
Assistant adjutant-general	G. D. Stone <sup>1</sup>	Elizabeth.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

W. W. Mendell,<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth.  
 H. Craig Smith,<sup>1</sup> Plainfield.  
 Lewis H. Marinus,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City.  
 David Essex,<sup>1</sup> Newark.  
 D. Robinson, Orange.  
 S. Van Nest,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City.  
 H. Clay Keenan,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City.  
 Abram Smith,<sup>1</sup> Newark.  
 Robert Johnson, Kearney.  
 Jules P. Lambot,<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth.

## ALTERNATES.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, Newark.  
 D. E. Riggin,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City.  
 Henry Dennis, Jersey City.  
 J. B. Williams, Trenton.  
 Charles A. Smith, Red Bank.  
 C. W. Buler, Vineland.  
 J. P. Lambert, Newark.  
 John M. Freeman,<sup>1</sup> Newark.



## NEW JERSEY—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

E. Jardine,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 William Ward,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 Richard H. Lee,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 J. R. Goble,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 Charles Burrows,<sup>1,3</sup> Rutherford, 1874-75.  
 E. W. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 John Mueller,<sup>2</sup> 1877-78.  
 Samuel Hufty,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 George W. Gile,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Charles H. Houghton,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 E. L. Campbell,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 George B. Fielder,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Henry M. Nevius,<sup>2</sup> 1884-85.  
 Frank O. Cole,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City, 1886.  
 J. L. Wheeler,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 E. Burd Grubb,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 W. B. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 A. M. Matthews,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 J. R. Mullikin,<sup>1</sup> Newark, 1891.  
 R. A. Donnelly,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 H. L. Hartshorn,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 John Shields, Vineland, 1894.  
 Henry S. White,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Ernest C. Stahl, Trenton, 1896.  
 Emmanuel Sands,<sup>2</sup> 1897 (died in office).

Samuel G. Hayter, Bloomfield, 1897.  
 William C. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Plainfield, 1898.  
 George Barrett, Camden, 1899.  
 E. V. Richards,<sup>4</sup> Lynn Haven, Fla., 1900.  
 John Lawrence,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Enos F. Hann,<sup>1</sup> Atlantic City, 1902.  
 Stephen M. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 James M. Atwood,<sup>1</sup> Wellfleet, Mass., 1904.  
 Charles Currie,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Alfred Atkins,<sup>1,5</sup> Roselle Park, 1906.  
 Arthur W. Tench,<sup>1</sup> Newark, 1907.  
 John Foran,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James F. Connelly,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 James Inglis, jr.,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Adrian S. Appleget, Trenton, 1911.  
 Terrence J. McDonald,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 John W. Bodine,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Forman J. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1914 (died in office).  
 Samuel J. Garretson, Perth Amboy, 1914.  
 W. F. Washington,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 William O. Allen,<sup>2</sup> Newark, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Burrows, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Richards. See Florida.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Atkins, national council of administration.

## NEW MEXICO (32).

[Organized July 14, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 109; posts, 10.]

Department commander-----	Jefferson Reynolds <sup>1</sup> -----	East Las Vegas.
Senior vice department commander----	Wm. M. Berger-----	Belen.
Junior vice department commander----	John C. Klepinger-----	White Oaks.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	John A. Ross <sup>1</sup> -----	East Las Vegas.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

John Greenwald Socorro.

## ALTERNATE.

John W. Terrell, Socorro.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Atkinson,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Edward W. Wynkoop,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 J. J. Fitzgerrell,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 E. S. Stover, Albuquerque, 1886.  
 John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.  
 Francis Downs,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 John H. Mills,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (died in office).  
 Lee H. Rudisille, White Oaks, 1890.  
 A. M. Whitcomb,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Albert J. Fountain,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 S. W. Dorsey,<sup>3</sup> 1892.  
 W. H. Whiteman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 George W. Knaebel,<sup>3</sup> 1894.  
 Thomas W. Collier,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John C. Bromagen,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Francis Downs,<sup>2</sup> 1897-98.  
 Leverett Clarke,<sup>2</sup> 1898.

George W. Knaebel,<sup>3</sup> 1899.  
 John R. McFie, Gallup, 1900-1901.  
 John W. Edwards,<sup>4</sup> San Bernardino, Cal., 1902-3.  
 Theo. W. Heman,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Jacob Weltmer, Santa Fe, 1905.  
 W. B. Brunton, E. Las Vegas, 1906.  
 W. W. McDonald, Albuquerque, 1907.  
 John P. Victory,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 John W. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 H. B. Steward, Albuquerque, 1910.  
 A. D. Higgins, East Las Vegas, 1911.  
 John G. Caldwell, Albuquerque, 1912.  
 D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.  
 John A. Ross,<sup>1,5</sup> East Las Vegas, 1914.  
 Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1915.  
 F. E. Olney,<sup>1</sup> East Las Vegas, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Edwards. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Ross, assistant adjutant general.

## NEW YORK (5).

[Organized Apr. 3, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 14,045; posts, 516.]

Department commander-----	William F. Kirchner <sup>1</sup> -----	New York.
Senior vice department commander-----	Henry S. Redman <sup>1</sup> -----	Rochester.
Junior vice department commander-----	Frank Johnson <sup>1</sup> -----	Ogdensburg.
Assistant adjutant-general-----	Edward J. Atkinson <sup>1</sup> -----	Albany.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Robert Simpson, jr., Fulton.  
 Louis H. La Vallee, Albany.  
 George B. Herrick.<sup>1</sup>  
 James L. Lyons,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Charles Cotton, Olean.  
 William A. Ramage,<sup>1</sup> Auburn.  
 Ira D. Rowley,<sup>1</sup> Silver Creek.  
 R. P. Bush, Horseheads.  
 William McKinley,<sup>1</sup> Poughkeepsie.  
 George A. Colton,<sup>1</sup> Walton.  
 George W. Flynn,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Frank Hammond,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 John Hoppes,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Daniel H. Cole,<sup>1</sup> Gloversville.  
 William H. Lyons,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 John S. Robertson,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 J. E. Ewell,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Thomas H. Kiernan,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Charles A. Shaw,<sup>1</sup> Mount Kisco.  
 Timothy T. Donovan,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Patrick Hayes, Brooklyn.  
 Lewis S. Pilcher,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Samuel McAuliffe,<sup>1</sup> Gates.  
 John H. Deal, Amsterdam.  
 James Campbell,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Isidore Isaacs,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Fred C. Barger,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Henry L. Swords,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 George Blair,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Patrick H. Doody,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Wallace Riley,<sup>1</sup> Lockport.  
 E. A. Wheeler,<sup>1</sup> Waterville.  
 D. F. McOmber,<sup>1</sup> Canandaigua.  
 C. A. Wilbur,<sup>1</sup> Syracuse.  
 Albert B. Weaver,<sup>1</sup> Middletown.  
 C. J. Westcott, Oneonta.  
 John McCloskey, Jamaica.  
 J. H. Hilliker,<sup>1</sup> Jamaica.  
 J. E. Vandenburg,<sup>1</sup> North Troy.  
 H. B. Ormsbee,<sup>1</sup> Saratoga Springs.  
 William G. Caw,<sup>1</sup> Schenectady.  
 Theo. P. Kellogg,<sup>1</sup> Interlaken.  
 Charles D. Emery,<sup>1</sup> Hornell.  
 Henry J. Redfield, Bath.  
 J. H. Everett,<sup>1</sup> Kingston.  
 E. H. Sentell,<sup>1</sup> Sodus Point.  
 E. J. Mitchell,<sup>1</sup> Yonkers.  
 John W. Durham,<sup>1</sup> Branchport.

## ALTERNATES.

James R. Silliman,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 H. A. Kraus,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 J. M. Nagel,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Oliver H. Pratt,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Henry C. Draper,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 William B. Price,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 E. H. Millington, Port Jervis.  
 John W. Nye,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington.  
 James S. Snedeker,<sup>1</sup> White Plains.  
 Louis Finkelmeier,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Alfred J. Moss, Troy.  
 James A. Allis, Syracuse.  
 William H. Sanger, New Rochelle.  
 N. C. Fulton, Rochester.  
 C. T. Thompson, Rochester.  
 Thomas J. McConkey, Brooklyn.  
 J. G. Burney, Little Falls.  
 George W. Rogers, Adams.  
 Frank E. Cooley, Rensselaer.  
 Gilbert W. Peck, Albany.  
 William A. Howell, Olean.  
 T. M. Hunting, Weedsport.  
 Thomas Berridge, Hudson.  
 John E. Banks, Pawling.  
 B. Frank Rase, Albany.  
 George H. Sears, Buffalo.  
 Joseph H. Benzino, Buffalo.  
 Arthur B. Avery, East Aurora.  
 Fred J. Weber, Buffalo.  
 W. O. Myers, Buffalo.  
 Nelson Simmons, Buffalo.  
 D. S. French, Wadhams.  
 Isaac O. Best, Broadalbin.  
 W. H. Deyle, Ilion.  
 John M. Wilcox, Three Mile Bay.  
 L. D. Mereness, Sharon Springs.  
 Fred M. Fosdick, Brooklyn.  
 Edward C. Case, Utica.  
 James S. Carson, Shortsville.  
 H. J. Knapp, Fayetteville.  
 Augustus Denniston, Washingtonville.  
 A. A. Sabin, Oswego.  
 Joel G. White, Cooperstown.  
 B. L. Dunbar, Howard Beach.  
 Warren B. Pike, Jordanville.  
 A. J. Freeman, Ballston Spa.  
 C. M. Woolsey, Milton.  
 Augustus Kipp, Yonkers.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James B. McKean,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 Daniel E. Sickles,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Edward B. Lansing,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 John C. Robinson,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 Henry A. Barnum,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.

Stephen P. Corliss,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 John Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 James Tanner,<sup>1,3</sup> Washington, D. C.,  
 1876-77.  
 William F. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1878.

## NEW YORK—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

James McQuade,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 L. Coe Young,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Abram Merritt,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 James S. Fraser,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 John A. Reynolds, Fairport, 1883.  
 Ira M. Hedges,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 H. Clay Hall,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Joseph I. Sayles,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 George H. Treadwell,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 N. Martin Curtis,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Harrison Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Floyd Clarkson,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles H. Freeman,<sup>1</sup> Corning, 1891.  
 Theodore L. Poole,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Joseph P. Cleary,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 John C. Shotts, Yonkers, 1894.  
 Edward J. Atkinson,<sup>1</sup> New York, 1895.  
 James S. Graham,<sup>1</sup> Oxford, 1896.  
 Albert D. Shaw,<sup>2</sup> 1897.

Anson S. Wood,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Joseph W. Kay, Brooklyn, 1899.  
 Nathan P. Pond, Rochester, 1900.  
 Charles A. Orr,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo, 1901.  
 Allan C. Bakewell, New York, 1902.  
 John S. Koster,<sup>1</sup> Port Leyden, 1903.  
 Henry N. Burhans,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 James N. Snyder, Troy, 1905.  
 John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.  
 Harlan J. Swift,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 William H. Daniels,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 M. J. Cummings,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn, 1909.  
 De Witt C. Hurd,<sup>1</sup> Utica, 1910.  
 George B. Loud,<sup>1</sup> New York, 1911.  
 Oscar Smith,<sup>1</sup> Albany, 1912.  
 Samuel C. Pierce,<sup>1</sup> Rochester, 1913.  
 James D. Bell,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn, 1914.  
 Zan L. Tidball,<sup>1</sup> Bath, 1915.  
 Solomon W. Russell,<sup>1</sup> Salem, 1916.

De Alva S. Alexander, Buffalo, 1884, transferred from Potomac.  
 W. L. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1889, transferred from South Dakota.  
 John C. Gipson,<sup>5</sup> San Diego, Cal., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Tanner, past commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Atkinson, assistant adjutant general.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Gipson. See California and Nevada.

## NORTH DAKOTA (43).

[Organized Apr. 23, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 222; posts, 22.]

Department commander	Christian Schmitt <sup>1</sup>	Jamestown.
Senior vice department commander	James McGurren	Casselton.
Junior vice department commander	A. J. Pierce	Grand Forks.
Assistant adjutant general	S. J. Hill <sup>1</sup>	Fargo.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

A. J. Batchelor,<sup>1</sup> Valley City.  
 James McCormick,<sup>1</sup> Devils Lake.

## ALTERNATES.

A. Knudson, Grand Forks.  
 C. H. Newton, Harwood.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Harrison Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George B. Winship,<sup>1</sup> San Diego, Cal., 1890.  
 William A. Bentley,<sup>3</sup> Los Angeles, Cal., 1891.  
 S. G. Roberts, El Cajon, Cal., 1892.  
 John D. Black, Valley City, 1893.  
 J. M. O'Neale,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 A. P. Rounseville, Lemon City, Fla., 1895.  
 William H. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 E. C. Geary,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Edwin Southard,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 William Ackerman,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Freeman Orcutt,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 D. G. Duell,<sup>1</sup> Devils Lake, 1901.

John C. Gipson,<sup>4</sup> San Diego, Cal., 1902.  
 H. J. Rowe, Casselton, 1903.  
 Daniel F. Siegfried, Fargo, 1904.  
 Joseph Hare, Bismarck, 1905.  
 B. F. Bigelow,<sup>1</sup> Jamestown, 1906.  
 S. J. Hill,<sup>2</sup> Fargo, 1907.  
 J. L. Richmond, Minnewaukon, 1908.  
 Halsey S. Curry,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Albert Roberts,<sup>1</sup> Devils Lake, 1910.  
 James H. Mathews,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 George W. Kurtz,<sup>1</sup> Jamestown, 1912.  
 George B. Vallandigham, Los Angeles, Cal., 1913.  
 Alexander Hay,<sup>1</sup> Wahpeton, 1914.  
 J. L. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 Henry Beal, Valley City, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Bentley. See California and Nevada.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gipson. See Oklahoma, New York, and California and Nevada.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Hill, assistant adjutant general.



## OHIO (4).

[Organized Jan. 30, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 13,869; posts, 492.]

Department commander	Wm. A. Pittenger <sup>1</sup>	Dennison.
Senior vice department commander	Isaac C. Gibbons <sup>1</sup>	Akron.
Junior vice department commander	C. O. Palmer <sup>1</sup>	Dayton.
Assistant adjutant general	W. S. Matthews <sup>1</sup>	Columbus.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

G. M. Saltzgaber,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
 A. B. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
 Ignatz Hochenleitner,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
 E. B. Scott, Batavia.  
 A. C. Stone,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington.  
 Henry Howell, Wapakoneta.  
 Wm. F. Brandt, Dayton.  
 Peter G. Frank,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 W. W. McDonald,<sup>1</sup> Logan.  
 Harry Kahmar, Portsmouth.  
 R. L. Curtis, Marietta.  
 C. M. Bell, Frazeysburg.  
 E. P. Snyder, Norwalk.  
 Robert Robotham,<sup>1</sup> Marysville.  
 John P. Neer,<sup>1</sup> Urbana.  
 Calvin Osborne, Lima.  
 W. A. Kehnast, Defiance.  
 E. T. Dunn, Findlay.  
 Guy C. Nearing, Bowling Green.  
 George W. Williams, Marion.  
 Theodore B. Tucker,<sup>1</sup> Toledo.  
 Henry Wentz,<sup>1</sup> Shelby.  
 H. D. Burch,<sup>1</sup> Hebron.  
 Albert Liphardt,<sup>1</sup> Martins Ferry.  
 George Barthold, sr.,<sup>1</sup> Steubenville.  
 M. J. Sloan, Warren.  
 S. W. Seacrist,<sup>1</sup> Alliance.  
 G. C. McConnell,<sup>1</sup> Sullivan.  
 Thomas T. Smith, Columbus.  
 W. G. Bigelow,<sup>1</sup> Akron.  
 H. C. Martindale,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
 James W. Conger, Cleveland.  
 T. B. Fitts, Painesville.  
 John M. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
 L. H. Derby,<sup>1</sup> Norwalk.  
 W. M. Hahn,<sup>1</sup> Mansfield.  
 S. G. Harvey,<sup>1</sup> Toledo.  
 J. C. Roland,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
 G. W. Mowrey, Columbus.  
 J. K. P. Ferrell,<sup>1</sup> Uhrichsville.  
 J. B. Taylor, Wooster.  
 James Hayr, Cleveland.  
 W. H. King,<sup>1</sup> Coshocton.  
 E. P. Searle,<sup>1</sup> Toledo.  
 T. G. Carlisle,<sup>1</sup> Fostoria.  
 H. N. Aldrich, Elmore.  
 T. H. Wilson, Uhrichsville.

## ALTERNATES.

Conrade Limer,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
 W. A. Richards,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
 J. W. Myers, Hamilton.  
 E. H. Rainey,<sup>1</sup> Sardinia.  
 I. F. Wheatley, St. John.  
 Gustavus Smith,<sup>1</sup> National Soldiers' Home.  
 J. B. Cummings, Xenia.  
 J. W. Hank,<sup>1</sup> Jackson.  
 L. T. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Rutland.  
 W. P. Shepard, Nelsonville.  
 D. M. Bates, Caldwell.  
 Glen Cochran,<sup>1</sup> Sandusky.  
 Nat Brooks,<sup>1</sup> Richwood.  
 John McBride,<sup>1</sup> Columbus Grove.  
 T. T. Armstrong, Hicksville.  
 Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo.  
 I. H. Burgoon,<sup>1</sup> Fremont.  
 William Peppard, Crestline.  
 Eli B. Bingham, Toledo.  
 J. D. Gray,<sup>1</sup> Marietta.  
 Felix Robertson, Newark.  
 James Crabtree,<sup>1</sup> Cadiz.  
 C. F. Lease,<sup>1</sup> Salem.  
 George A. Happer, Youngstown.  
 Frank Taft,<sup>1</sup> Canton.  
 E. Standard,<sup>1</sup> Wellington.  
 Morton Hayes,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
 Joseph Limric,<sup>1</sup> Akron.  
 William Gresmuck, Cleveland.  
 T. Spencer Knight,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
 Erwin F. Mason, Jefferson.  
 T. A. Banks,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
 J. H. Herring, Mansfield.  
 James T. Dodds,<sup>1</sup> Dayton.  
 Wm. T. Patterson, Bellefontaine.  
 M. C. Boice, Kyger.  
 J. C. Joss,<sup>1</sup> New Philadelphia.  
 J. E. Q. Maddox, Cincinnati.  
 D. C. Garrison, Dayton.  
 George B. Barr, Martins Ferry.  
 Joseph Morrison, Cadiz.  
 E. B. Willard, Ironton.  
 Albert Henry, Ashtabula.  
 John Gorby, Newark.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Potts,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 Thomas L. Young,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 J. Warren Keifer,<sup>2</sup> Springfield, 1868-70.  
 William C. Bunts,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 G. M. Barber,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 Alvin C. Voris,<sup>2</sup> 1875.

William Earnshaw,<sup>2</sup> 1876-77.  
 Nathan L. Guthrie,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 James H. Seymour,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 James H. Steedman,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 David W. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 John S. Kountz,<sup>2</sup> 1881.

## OHIO—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Charles T. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 H. P. Lloyd,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 R. B. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Arthur L. Conger,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 D. C. Putnam,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Joseph W. O'Neill, Lebanon, 1888.  
 S. H. Hurst,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 P. H. Dowling,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 A. M. Warner,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati, 1891.  
 Isaac F. Mack,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 L. H. Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 E. E. Nutt,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Charles Townsend,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 E. L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain, 1896.  
 Henry Kissinger,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 David F. Pugh,<sup>1</sup> Columbus, 1898.  
 Thomas R. Shinn,<sup>1</sup> Ashland, 1899.  
 Elias R. Monfort,<sup>4,1</sup> Cincinnati, 1900.

Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, 1901.  
 Walton Weber, Columbus, 1902.  
 Arthur C. Yengling, Salem, 1903.  
 B. M. Moulton,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Amos Huffman, Wilmington, 1905.  
 George A. Harmon,<sup>1</sup> Lancaster, 1906.  
 W. S. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 John H. Sharer,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 George Hall, Lima, 1909.  
 Charles H. Newton,<sup>1</sup> Marietta, 1909.  
 Henry A. Axline,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 J. F. Johnston,<sup>1</sup> Youngstown, 1911.  
 Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912.  
 W. R. Warnock, Urbana, 1913.  
 J. Kent Hamilton,<sup>5</sup> Toledo, 1914.  
 Seeley P. Mount,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland, 1915.  
 W. H. Surles, East Liverpool, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Kelfer, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Monfort, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Hamilton, past senior vice commander in chief.

## OKLAHOMA (44).

[Organized Aug. 7, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,096; posts, 53. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908.]

Department commander-----	J. C. White <sup>1</sup> -----	Oklahoma City.
Senior vice department commander-----	F. E. Hills <sup>1</sup> -----	Enid.
Junior vice department commander-----	Charles M. Rawlings <sup>1</sup> -----	Bartlesville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	L. Obreiter <sup>1</sup> -----	Oklahoma City.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Isaac Clark,<sup>1</sup> Guthrie.  
 F. A. Brown,<sup>1</sup> Shawnee.  
 D. C. Bothell, El Reno.  
 J. R. Dennie,<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma City.  
 J. A. Adamson, Edmond.

## ALTERNATES.

I. Cutright, Oklahoma City.  
 Nath. Williams, El Reno.  
 J. H. Norton,<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma City.  
 Jacob Amberg, Guthrie.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

C. M. Barnes,<sup>3</sup> Guthrie.  
 G. M. Coulton,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 D. F. Wyatt,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 T. H. Soward,<sup>4</sup> Guthrie, 1893.  
 J. P. Cummings,<sup>5</sup> Santa Rosa, Cal., 1894.  
 H. G. Trosper,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 W. H. Cater,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 C. R. Young, Guthrie, 1897.  
 G. D. Munger,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 J. J. S. Hassler,<sup>2</sup> 1899 (died in office).  
 I. W. Rush,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 M. L. Mock,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 James E. Burns,<sup>6</sup> Fresno, Cal., 1901.  
 Wesley Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Cyrus P. Green, Alva, 1903.

S. P. Strahan, Perry, 1904.  
 G. M. Parks,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Peter A. Becker, Jefferson, 1906.  
 W. H. Hornaday, Guthrie, 1907.  
 H. Veatch,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 William Higgins, Bartlesville, 1909.  
 B. N. Turk, Enid, 1910.  
 Wilberforce Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 W. R. Kelley, Kingfisher, 1912.  
 L. C. Coffin, Elgin, 1913.  
 George W. Billings,<sup>2</sup> 1914 (died in office).  
 George W. Fletcher, Dover, 1914.  
 A. A. Beasler, Chandler, 1915.  
 Albert Reeves,<sup>1</sup> Tulsa, 1916.

## OKLAHOMA—Continued.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY, BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908.

E. Calkins,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.  
 Savelon Boyles,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 J. L. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William H. Harrison,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.  
 David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.

Gideon S. White,<sup>3</sup> 1899.  
 John S. Hammer,<sup>2</sup> 1900-1902.  
 J. A. Rose,<sup>3</sup> 1903.  
 Robert Ross,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.  
 J. F. Ayres,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 A. G. Crutchmer,<sup>2</sup> 1907.

D. W. Eastman,<sup>2</sup> 1898, transferred from Kansas.

John C. Gipson,<sup>7</sup> 1902, San Diego, Cal., transferred from North Dakota. See New York.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Soward, past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Cummings. See California and Nevada.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Burns. See California and Nevada.

<sup>7</sup> Comrade Gipson. See New York and California and Nevada.

## OREGON (26).

[Organized Sept. 28, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,778; posts, 62.]

Department commander	J. G. Chambers <sup>1</sup>	Portland.
Senior vice department commander	J. E. Peterson	Grants Pass.
Junior vice department commander	C. E. Reynolds	Tillamook.
Assistant adjutant general	C. A. Williams	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

D. W. Sawtelle,<sup>1</sup> McMinnville.  
 A. A. Drake,<sup>1</sup> Portland.  
 J. M. Shelley, Eugene.  
 C. E. Cline, Portland.  
 A. A. Belden,<sup>1</sup> Warren, Conn.  
 G. R. Castner,<sup>1</sup> Hood River.  
 J. L. Marshall, Newberg.

## ALTERNATES.

R. T. Chamberlain, Portland.  
 T. A. Jordan, Portland.  
 Micah Evans, Portland.  
 T. W. Tasker, Portland.  
 J. D. Stevens, Portland.  
 Z. M. Parvin, Portland.  
 S. A. Pursel, Union.  
 George Dinment,<sup>1</sup> Portland.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

N. S. Pierce,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 G. E. Caulkin,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 F. J. Babcock,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 F. H. Lamb, San Francisco, Cal.,  
 1885-86.  
 M. L. Olmstead, San Diego, Cal., 1887.  
 A. E. Borthwick, Portland, 1888.  
 E. B. McElroy,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 James A. Varney,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Owen Summers,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 H. H. Northup, Portland, 1892.  
 J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.  
 S. B. Ormsby,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 E. W. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 D. C. Sherman, Washington, D. C.,  
 1896.  
 Frank Reisner,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898.

H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.  
 A. J. Goodbrod,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 J. A. Sladen,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 M. L. Pratt, Portland, 1902.  
 D. H. Turner, McMinnville, 1903.  
 B. F. Pike, Newberg, 1904.  
 T. E. Hills, Garden Home, 1905.  
 Hamer Sutcliffe,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 S. F. Blythe, Hood River, 1907.  
 J. T. Apperson,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James P. Shaw, Milwaukie, 1909.  
 W. J. R. Beach, Forest Grove, 1910.  
 Newton Clark, Hood River, 1911.  
 Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912.  
 S. W. Taylor, Eugene, 1913.  
 H. S. Fargo, Portland, 1914.  
 George A. Harding, Oregon City, 1915.  
 J. E. Hall, Portland, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## PENNSYLVANIA (3).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 14,560; posts, 503.]

Department commander-----	Noah Dietrich <sup>1</sup> -----	Easton.
Senior vice department commander-----	John Woy <sup>1</sup> -----	Johnstown.
Junior vice department commander-----	Samuel J. Weiler-----	Reading.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Samuel P. Town <sup>1</sup> -----	Philadelphia.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

W. F. Hambright,<sup>1</sup> Lancaster.  
 Harry White,<sup>1</sup> Indiana.  
 C. C. Arensberg,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 J. D. Hicks,<sup>1</sup> Altoona.  
 C. H. W. Ruhe,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 J. I. Shoemaker,<sup>1</sup> Wyoming.  
 Henry I. Yohn,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 D. S. Beemer,<sup>1</sup> Scranton.  
 B. J. Coll,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 W. H. Green,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 C. R. Lantz, Lebanon.  
 J. F. Leinbach, Williamsport.  
 O. A. Parsons,<sup>1</sup> Wilkes-Barre.  
 James M. Reed,<sup>1</sup> Greensburg.  
 A. H. Schaper, Erie.  
 Charles C. Taylor,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 A. B. Wannop,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 O. L. Roushey,<sup>1</sup> Dallas.  
 A. T. Anderson,<sup>1</sup> Washington.  
 John M. Califf,<sup>1</sup> Towanda.  
 Henry C. Deetz,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 James McCune,<sup>1</sup> Lancaster.  
 Levi Oberton,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 Adam Seid,<sup>1</sup> Northumberland.  
 H. H. Spayd,<sup>1</sup> Minersville.  
 John Y. Gossler,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 W. T. Bradberry,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 A. Wilson Black,<sup>1</sup> Harrisburg.  
 F. W. Day,<sup>1</sup> Chambersburg.  
 A. M. Breckenridge,<sup>1</sup> Oil City.  
 Frederick Bregler,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 W. M. Heddens, Danville.  
 John Nixon,<sup>1</sup> Marysville.  
 H. P. Krebs, Pittsburgh.  
 J. W. Reamer,<sup>1</sup> Franklin.  
 R. N. Spohn,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 J. L. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 Jas. D. Walker,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 Allen J. Clifton,<sup>1</sup> Easton.  
 Chas. Deininger,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 John E. Framier,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 John C. Grissim,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 John H. Horrocks, Johnstown.  
 John Smith,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 W. S. Burnwood,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 J. W. Bishop,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 A. J. Bower,<sup>1</sup> Uniontown.  
 Daniel Donne,<sup>1</sup> Pottsville.  
 W. A. Moudy,<sup>1</sup> Carlisle.  
 Charles Marshall,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.

## ALTERNATES.

H. R. Fulton, Lancaster.  
 A. I. Ellis,<sup>1</sup> Uniontown.  
 A. B. Mann,<sup>1</sup> Coudersport.  
 Giles Ross,<sup>1</sup> Wilkes-Barre.  
 W. S. Seabold, Annville.  
 J. H. Holcomb,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 V. C. Knorr,<sup>1</sup> Braddock.  
 B. J. Huber, Chambersburg.  
 N. Bressard,<sup>1</sup> Erie.  
 Chas. J. Harrison, Somerset.  
 D. M. Lotz, Hollidaysburg.  
 E. R. Sherman, Bradford.  
 Nathan Tanner, Summit Hill.  
 N. A. Walmer, Harrisburg.  
 Chas. E. Tipton, Philadelphia.  
 Frank Patrick, Philadelphia.  
 John C. Bowen, Philadelphia.  
 Samuel C. Coleman, Norwood.  
 John Frey, Blairsville.  
 W. J. Giles, McKeesport.  
 Ephriam Govens, West Chester.  
 J. W. Kauffman, Huntingdon.  
 John Ott, Philadelphia.  
 J. C. McMillen, New Castle.  
 B. H. Bowman, Huntingdon.  
 Chas. Guenlin, Meadville.  
 P. H. Fratz, Lancaster.  
 David Chalanger, Harrisburg.  
 I. C. Burgett, North Mehopany.  
 W. W. Brown, Bradford.  
 S. H. Kasley, Wilkinsburg.  
 W. H. Carter, Philadelphia.  
 Jas. J. Barnhart, Connellsville.  
 W. H. Kramer, Allentown.  
 T. J. Laurel, Pittsburgh.  
 George D. Runk, Clearfield.  
 W. H. Rodgers, Mifflintown.  
 T. M. Moore, Pittsburgh.  
 George W. Rhoads, Harrisburg.  
 C. W. Hoffman, Latrobe.  
 W. G. Long, Bradford.  
 Chas. E. Scott, Steelton.  
 George I. Rudolph, Pittsburgh.  
 W. S. Hanna, Springdale.  
 P. K. Ployer, Mechanicsburg.  
 J. M. Brandt, Lebanon.  
 James Tauby, New Kensington.  
 George W. Johnson, Coatesville.

## PENNSYLVANIA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

- Louis Wagner,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 A. L. Pearson,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 O. C. Bosbyshell, Philadelphia, 1869.  
 Howard J. Reeder,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Frank Reeder,<sup>2</sup> 1872.  
 Robert B. Beath,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 A. Wilson Norris,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 W. W. Tyson,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 James W. Latta, Philadelphia, 1876.  
 Samuel I. Givin,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 Charles T. Hull,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 George L. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Chill W. Hazzard,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 John Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 John M. Vanderslice,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 E. S. Osborne,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Frederick H. Dyer, Des Moines, Iowa, 1884.  
 F. Austin Curtin,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 J. P. S. Gobin,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Samuel Harper,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Frank J. Magee,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Thomas J. Stewart,<sup>3</sup> Harrisburg, 1889.  
 Joseph F. Denniston,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 George G. Boyer,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John P. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Thomas G. Sample,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 William Emsley,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 H. H. Cumings,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Alfred Darte,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 William D. Stauffer, Lancaster, 1897.  
 William J. Patterson,<sup>1,4</sup> Pittsburgh, 1898.  
 James F. Morrison,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Charles Miller, Franklin, 1900.  
 Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, 1901.  
 R. P. Scott, Butler, 1902.  
 Edwin Walton,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 John McNevin,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 J. Andrew Wilt,<sup>1,5</sup> Towanda, 1905.  
 M. A. Gherst,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William T. Powell,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh, 1907.  
 P. DeLacy,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Thad. M. Mahon,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 L. W. Moore,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 N. P. Kinsley,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 Thomas H. Cole,<sup>2</sup> Erie, 1912.  
 William J. Wells,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 John A. Fairman,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburg, 1914.  
 C. C. Gramlich, Philadelphia, 1915.  
 L. F. Arensburg,<sup>1</sup> East Millsboro, 1916.  
 James E. Porter, Pittsburgh, 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.  
 James M. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Stewart, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Patterson, commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Wilt, national council of administration.

## POTOMAC (14).

[Organized Feb. 13, 1869. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,074; posts, 13.]

Department commander-----A. H. Frear<sup>1</sup>-----Washington, D. C.  
 Senior vice department commander----S. G. Mawson<sup>1</sup>-----Washington, D. C.  
 Junior vice department commander----H. B. Snyder-----Washington, D. C.  
 Assistant adjutant general-----O. H. Oldroyd<sup>1</sup>-----Washington, D. C.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Abram Myers,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
 L. K. Brown,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
 B. F. Davis,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
 Alfred Shaw,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
 I. D. Williamson,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.

## ALTERNATES.

Jeremiah Wilt, Washington, D. C.  
 F. R. Sparks, Washington, D. C.  
 L. D. Alden, Washington, D. C.  
 Nelson J. Booker, Washington, D. C.  
 H. F. Hayden, Washington, D. C.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Samuel A. Duncan,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Timothy Luby,<sup>2</sup> 1870-1872.  
 Frank H. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 Benjamin F. Hawkes,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 A. H. G. Richardson, Washington, 1877.  
 George E. Corson,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1878.  
 Harrison Dingman,<sup>3</sup> Washington, 1879.  
 Charles C. Royce,<sup>1,4</sup> Washington, 1880.  
 William Gibson,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Samuel S. Burdett,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 D. S. Alexander,<sup>5</sup> Buffalo, N. Y., 1884.  
 Newton M. Brooks, Washington, 1885.  
 Jerome B. Burke, Washington, 1886-87.  
 Charles P. Lincoln,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 William S. Odell, Washington, 1889.  
 M. Emmett Urell,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 J. M. Pipes,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1891.  
 A. F. Dinsmore, Washington, 1892.

## POTOMAC—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893.  
 Nathan Bickford, Washington, 1894.  
 Marion T. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John McElroy,<sup>1 6</sup> Washington, 1896.  
 Thomas S. Hopkins,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1897.  
 Arthur Hendricks,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Calvin Farnsworth, Washington, 1899.  
 George H. Slaybaugh,<sup>7</sup> Washington, 1900.  
 Israel W. Stone, Washington, 1901.  
 B. F. Bingham, Washington, 1902.  
 I. G. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Abram Hart,<sup>2</sup> 1904.

A. P. Tasker, Washington, 1905.  
 B. P. Entrikin,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1906.  
 Newton Ferree,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1907.  
 John S. Walker, Washington, 1908.  
 Edwin H. Holbrook,<sup>2</sup> 1909  
 Henry A. Johnson, Washington, 1910.  
 George C. Ross, Washington, 1911.  
 J. D. Bloodgood,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 Thomas H. McKee, Washington, 1913.  
 J. K. Gleason, Washington, 1914.  
 L. H. Patterson, Washington, 1915.  
 A. H. Huntoon, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Dingman, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Royce, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Alexander. See New York.<sup>6</sup> Comrade McElroy, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>7</sup> Comrade Slaybaugh, past senior vice commander in chief.

## RHODE ISLAND (11).

[Organized Mar. 24, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 887; posts, 23.]

Department commander-----	Augustine A. Mann <sup>1</sup> -----	Central Falls.
Senior vice department commander----	Murdock C. McKenzie <sup>1</sup> -----	Providence.
Junior vice department commander----	Fred A. Burt <sup>1</sup> -----	Greenwood.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Philip S. Chase-----	Providence.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

John J. Bellows,<sup>1</sup> Providence.  
 John M. Burdick,<sup>1</sup> River Point.  
 George W. Ford,<sup>1</sup> Providence.  
 William Massey,<sup>1</sup> Pawtucket.

## ALTERNATES.

Abbott L. Baker, Providence.  
 John B. Greenhalgh, Kingston.  
 Christopher H. Carpenter, Providence.  
 Henry H. Clark, Silver Spring.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Ambrose E. Burnside,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Horatio Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Charles R. Brayton,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Elisha H. Rhodes,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
 Edwin Metcalf,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 Edwin C. Pomroy,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Charles H. Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Henry J. Spooner, Providence, 1877.  
 Fred A. Arnold,<sup>1</sup> Providence, 1878.  
 Henry R. Barker,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Charles C. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 William H. P. Steere,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Henry F. Jenks,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Philip S. Chase,<sup>3</sup> Providence, 1883.  
 Andrew K. McMahon,<sup>1</sup> Newport, 1884.  
 Eugene A. Cory,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Theodore A. Barton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Benjamin L. Hall,<sup>1</sup> Bristol, 1887.  
 Gideon Spencer, Providence, 1888.  
 Alonzo Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Benjamin F. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Benjamin H. Child,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 David S. Ray,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 George T. Cranston,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Charles H. Baker,<sup>2</sup> 1894.

Daniel R. Ballou, Providence, 1895.  
 William E. Stone,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Livingston Scott,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Samuel W. K. Allen,<sup>1</sup> East Greenwich, 1898.  
 Charles O. Ballou,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Walter A. Read, Providence, 1900.  
 Charles P. Moies,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 George H. Chenery,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 James S. Hudson,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Joseph Woolley,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Ezra K. Parker, Providence, 1905.  
 George L. Greene,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Edward Wilcox,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 William O. Milne,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Francello G. Jillson,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Charles H. Ewer,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Ezra Dixon,<sup>1</sup> Bristol, 1911.  
 Thomas M. Holden,<sup>1</sup> Riverpoint, 1912.  
 George H. Cheek,<sup>1</sup> Pawtucket, 1913.  
 Gilbert Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Providence, 1914.  
 Henry J. Pickersgill,<sup>1</sup> East Providence, 1915.  
 Joseph Gough,<sup>1</sup> Olneyville, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Chase, assistant adjutant general.



## SOUTH DAKOTA (29).

[Organized Feb. 27, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 766; posts, 57.]

Department commander	J. C. Luce <sup>1</sup>	Groton.
Senior vice department commander	Dudley Staats <sup>1</sup>	Milbank.
Junior vice department commander	W. A. Drake <sup>1</sup>	Madison.
Assistant adjutant general	C. A. B. Fox <sup>1</sup>	Sioux Falls.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

O. R. Vanetten, Highmore.  
 J. B. Gorton,<sup>1</sup> Hurley.  
 D. B. Heizler,<sup>1</sup> Hot Springs.  
 T. J. Hatton,<sup>1</sup> Groton.

## ALTERNATES.

B. F. Whitehouse,<sup>1</sup> Frederick.  
 J. L. Turner, Springfield.  
 R. H. Watson, Plankinton.  
 I. L. Bates, Groton.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas S. Free,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 W. V. Lucas,<sup>3</sup> Santa Cruz, Cal., 1885-86.  
 Harrison Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 S. F. Hammond,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George A. Silsby, Mitchell, 1889.  
 E. T. Langley,<sup>4</sup> Santa Ana, Cal., 1890.  
 C. S. Palmer,<sup>5</sup> Burlington, Vt., 1891.  
 J. B. Hoit,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 N. C. Nash,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 George W. Carpenter,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 S. R. Drake,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John Ackley,<sup>2</sup> 1896 (died in office).  
 John F. Baker, Hermosa, 1896.  
 C. B. Clark, Hot Springs, 1897.  
 E. P. Farr, 1898.  
 W. L. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> (transferred to New York), 1899.  
 Philip Lawrence, Huron, 1900.  
 George W. Snow,<sup>1</sup> Springfield, 1901.

Thomas E. Blanchard,<sup>6</sup> Santa Cruz, Cal., 1902.  
 Thomas Reed, Arlington, 1903.  
 H. P. Packard,<sup>1</sup> Redfield, 1904.  
 J. B. Wolgemuth,<sup>2</sup> 1905. (See Montana.)  
 N. I. Lothian, Milbank, 1906.  
 T. C. DeJean,<sup>1</sup> Plankinton, 1907.  
 Warren G. Osborn, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1908.  
 Alexander S. Stewart,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 N. H. Kingman, Selby, 1910.  
 Thomas H. Brown,<sup>1,7</sup> Sioux Falls, 1911.  
 O. S. Gifford,<sup>2</sup> 1912 (died in office).  
 H. L. Ferry, Vermillion, 1912.  
 John L. Jolley, Vermillion, 1913.  
 C. A. B. Fox,<sup>1,8</sup> Sioux Falls, 1914.  
 Charles S. Blodgett,<sup>1</sup> Rapid City, 1915.  
 Walter H. Carr, Hurley, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Lucas. See California and Nevada.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Langley. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade C. S. Palmer. See Vermont.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Blanchard. See California and Nevada.<sup>7</sup> Comrade Brown, national council of administration.<sup>8</sup> Comrade Fox, assistant adjutant general.

## TENNESSEE (34).

[Organized Feb. 26, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 769; posts, 29.]

Department commander	C. C. Kinley <sup>1</sup>	National Soldiers' Home.
Senior vice department commander	O. T. French	Greenville.
Junior vice department commander	C. M. Bush	Redondo Beach, Cal.
Assistant adjutant general	B. F. Bashor	Knoxville.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Theo. F. Brown, Newport, Ky.  
 J. C. Mordough,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, Cal.  
 C. T. Tipton, Knoxville.  
 Charles Davis, Memphis.

## ALTERNATES.

C. E. Mackey,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Alexander McCampbell, Cleveland.  
 D. U. Weagley, Maryville.  
 Joel I. Pyott, Athens.  
 C. M. Wagner,<sup>1</sup> Telford.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward S. Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1884-85.  
 E. E. Winters,<sup>3</sup> 1886.  
 William Rule,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 William J. Ramage,<sup>2</sup> 1887.

A. H. Pettibone, Nashville, 1889.  
 Charles F. Muller,<sup>3</sup> 1890.  
 A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891.  
 Henry C. Whittaker,<sup>2</sup> 1892.

## TENNESSEE—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Frank Seaman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 W. E. F. Milburn,<sup>4</sup> National Soldiers' Home, 1894.  
 William J. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Halbert B. Case,<sup>2</sup> 1896-97.  
 William N. Nelson, Backwoods, 1898.  
 Henry Crumbliss, Kingston, 1899.  
 S. T. Harris, Knoxville, 1900.  
 M. M. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 George W. Patten,<sup>2</sup> 1902-3.  
 Ben A. Hamilton,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Walton W. French, Chattanooga, 1905.  
 John T. Wilder, Monterey, 1906.

Will A. McTeer, Maryville, 1907.  
 S. W. Tindell, National Soldiers' Home, 1908.  
 D. Minor Steward, Chattanooga, 1909.  
 Ignaz Fanz, Knoxville, 1910.  
 Charles H. Flournoy, Knoxville, 1911.  
 A. M. Gamble, Maryville, 1912.  
 W. D. Atchley, Sevierville, 1913.  
 A. P. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1914 (died in office).  
 D. D. Nicholas, Knoxville, 1914.  
 F. M. Underwood, Rockwood, 1915.  
 J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

## TEXAS (38).

[Organized Mar. 25, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 310; posts, 12.]

Department commander	M. B. Young <sup>1</sup>	Weatherford.
Senior vice department commander	Edward Loomis <sup>1</sup>	San Antonio.
Junior vice department commander	Chas. Bagget	Fort Worth.
Assistant adjutant general	J. S. Dunlap	Dallas.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

H. W. Nye,<sup>1</sup> Fort Worth.  
 E. Farley, Denison.

## ALTERNATES.

Dexter Wagner, Denison.  
 J. P. Curran, Lampasas.  
 Anson Miller,<sup>1</sup> Anahuac.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. Wylie,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 O. T. Lyon,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 W. H. Sinclair,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 J. C. DeGress,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 A. G. Malloy,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 A. K. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 M. W. Mann,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 O. G. Peterson,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 John W. Park, Dallas, 1893.  
 R. M. Moore,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 W. W. Bostwick, Longmont, Colo., 1895.  
 G. W. McCormick,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston, 1897.  
 W. F. Conner,<sup>1,3</sup> Dallas, 1898.  
 John Roach,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Charles B. Peck,<sup>2</sup> 1900.

P. B. Hunt,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 C. C. Haskell,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 John H. Bolton,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 John L. Boyd, Dallas, 1904.  
 Elmore A. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 W. H. Harvey,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 L. L. Whitaker,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Thomas M. Wright,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Calvin R. Hubbard,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 J. S. Dunlap,<sup>4</sup> Dallas, 1910.  
 W. O. Kretsinger,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 E. P. Brown, Fort Worth, 1912.  
 Sidney Tuttle,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Robert McCormick,<sup>1</sup> Dallas, 1914.  
 C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, 1915.  
 C. A. Cahoon, Temple, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Conner past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Dunlap, assistant adjutant general.

## UTAH (33).

[Organized Oct. 8, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 218; posts, 5.]

Department commander	Norman D. Corser	Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander	A. M. White	Ogden.
Junior vice department commander	P. J. Goble	Salt Lake City.
Assistant adjutant general	C. W. A. Schnell	Salt Lake City.



## UTAH—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Donald McDonald, Parleys Canyon.  
M. M. Clothier, Ogden.

## ALTERNATES.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George C. Douglas,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
Ransford Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
Henry C. Wardleigh,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
Elijah Sells,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
Eli H. Murray,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
Nathan Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
Henry T. Snyder, National Soldiers'  
Home, California, 1889.  
Henry Page, Salt Lake City, 1890.  
Frank Hoffman,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
James R. Elliott,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
J. W. Greenman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
Thomas C. Iliff, Denver, Colo., 1894.  
Charles O. Farnsworth,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
M. M. Kellogg,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
Thomas C. Bailey,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
Norman H. Ives,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
Maurice M. Kaighn, Salt Lake City,  
1899.

Marshall A. Breeden,<sup>2</sup> 1900. (See Cali-  
fornia and Nevada.)  
Rudolph Alf,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
Wm. M. Bostaph,<sup>3</sup> Salt Lake City, 1902.  
Frank H. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
Henry P. Burns, Salt Lake City, 1904.  
E. T. Hulaniski, Ogden, 1905.  
B. M. Sperry, Salt Lake City, 1906.  
Alfred Kent,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
R. G. Sleater,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
Lucian L. Smyth, Salt Lake City, 1909.  
Thomas Lundy,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
A. B. Lawrence,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
J. W. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1912 (died in office).  
Frank H. Hall, Salt Lake City, 1912.  
Reuben Oehler, National Soldiers'  
Home, California, 1913.  
N. A. Heath, Ogden, 1914.  
H. G. Rollins, Salt Lake City, 1915.  
N. D. Corser,<sup>4</sup> Salt Lake City, 1916.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Bostaph, past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Corser, department commander.

## VERMONT (13).

[Organized Oct. 23, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 1,526; posts, 85.]

Department commander	C. T. S. Pierce <sup>1</sup>	Vergennes.
Senior vice department commander	John R. Wilson <sup>1</sup>	Worcester.
Junior vice department commander	E. E. Pierce <sup>1</sup>	Springfield.
Assistant adjutant general	H. P. Hunter <sup>1</sup>	Brattleboro.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

George H. Waldron,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
A. M. Titchout,<sup>1</sup> Montpelier.  
E. Tuller, Tunbridge.  
W. E. Bliss, East Calais.  
W. L. Cady, Middlebury.  
George B. Barnett,<sup>1</sup> Bradford.

## ALTERNATES.

George E. Morgan, Burlington.  
John H. Amidon, North Hyde Park.  
William W. Bond, Thetford.  
T. W. Eason,<sup>1</sup> Brattleboro.  
George W. Bridgman, Hardwick.  
George W. Flagg, Randolph.  
J. D. Hanrahan,<sup>1</sup> Rutland.  
James A. Tracy,<sup>1</sup> Middlebury.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George P. Foster,<sup>2</sup> 1868-69.  
William W. Henry,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
Wheelock G. Veazey,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
Stephen Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
Theodore S. Peck, Burlington, 1876-77.  
J. H. Goulding,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
George W. Hooker,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
A. B. Valentine,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
C. C. Kinsman,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
W. L. Greenleaf,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
George T. Childs,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
P. D. Blodgett,<sup>2</sup> 1887.

Herbert E. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
A. S. Tracy,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
Z. M. Mansur,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
D. L. Morgan,<sup>1</sup> Rutland, 1891.  
Hugh Henry, Chester, 1892.  
George W. Doty,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
Charles F. Branch,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
Barney Cannon, jr.,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
N. M. Puffer,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
E. W. Jewett,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
L. B. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
F. G. Butterfield,<sup>2</sup> 1899.

## VERMONT—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

U. A. Woodbury, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	Alvin B. Franklin, Townshend, 1909.
Joel H. Lucia, <sup>2</sup> 1901.	E. J. Foster, <sup>1</sup> Waterbury Center, 1910.
R. E. Hathorn, <sup>1</sup> Ludlow, 1902.	Chester M. Ferrin, <sup>1</sup> Essex Junction, 1911.
Frank Kenfield, <sup>2</sup> 1903.	Albert A. Niles, <sup>1</sup> Morrisville, 1912.
James E. Eldridge, Randolph, 1904.	Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.
Seymour H. Wood, St. Albans, 1905.	Edward Baker, Montpelier, <sup>1</sup> 1914.
John A. Sheldon, <sup>2</sup> 1906.	George P. Martin, <sup>1</sup> Burlington, 1915.
Andrew C. Brown, <sup>2</sup> 1907.	Henry C. Streeter, <sup>1</sup> Brattleboro, 1916.
Charles E. Beach, <sup>1</sup> Burlington, 1908.	
C. S. Palmer, Burlington, 1891, transferred from South Dakota.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Foster, national council of administration.

## VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15).

[Organized July 27, 1871. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 346; posts, 28.]

Department commander-----	Chas. H. Haber <sup>1</sup> -----	National Soldiers' Home.
Senior vice department commander----	Dred Smith-----	Portsmouth, Va.
Junior vice department commander----	Charles Grandy-----	Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Geo. W. Burchfield <sup>1</sup> ----	National Soldiers' Home.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

C. A. Newcomer, National Soldiers' Home.  
W. S. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Norfolk, Va.

## ALTERNATES.

Solomon Burden, Norfolk, Va.  
Nelson Carney,<sup>1</sup> Portsmouth, Va.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William N. Eaton, <sup>2</sup> 1874.	James E. Porter, <sup>8</sup> 1895.
William H. Appenzeller, <sup>2</sup> 1875-76.	H. W. Weiss, Emporia, Va., 1896.
William Ryder, <sup>2</sup> 1877.	John W. Stebbins, Norfolk, Va., 1897.
R. F. Staples, <sup>2</sup> 1878.	James M. Davis, <sup>2</sup> 1898.
Richard Bond, <sup>2</sup> 1879. (See Georgia and South Carolina.)	John W. Rutter, Portsmouth, Va., 1899.
A. B. Hurlburt, <sup>2</sup> 1880.	A. B. Heistand, <sup>2</sup> 1900.
W. Hervey King, <sup>2</sup> 1881.	Peter Morton, <sup>2</sup> 1901.
P. T. Woodfin, <sup>2</sup> 1882-83.	C. D. Grew, <sup>2</sup> 1902.
B. C. Cook, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	M. H. Haas, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
H. DeB. Clay, <sup>2</sup> 1885-86.	John C. Fowler, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
John W. Woodman, Portsmouth, Va., 1887-88.	Isaac Powell, <sup>1</sup> Newbern, N. C., 1905.
R. P. Wheeler, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	D. R. Wilson, Richmond, Va., 1906.
N. J. Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	A. A. Hager, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
H. B. Nichols, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	Thomas Fogerty, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
Edgar Allan, <sup>2</sup> 1892.	Frank M. Work, National Soldiers' Home, Ohio, 1909.
W. Whitcomb, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	Charles H. Haber, <sup>1</sup> National Soldiers' Home, Virginia, 1910-1916.
Joseph G. Fulton, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Porter. See Pennsylvania.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Haber, department commander.

## WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30).

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 2,442; posts, 73.]

Department commander-----	John J. See <sup>1</sup> -----	Anacortes, Wash.
Senior vice department commander-----	S. F. Street-----	Seattle, Wash.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. A. Cavender-----	Tacoma, Wash.
Assistant adjutant general-----	V. J. Knapp-----	Anacortes, Wash.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

## ALTERNATES.

R. H. Ball, Retsil.  
 E. B. Hopkinson, Spokane.  
 David A. Rollins, North Yakima.  
 Robert McMann, Seattle.  
 William Badger, North Yakima.  
 E. B. Whitworth, North Yakima.  
 C. M. McDrew, Everett.  
 William H. Robinson, Tacoma.  
 A. F. Haynes, Seattle.

J. W. Range, Seattle.  
 J. M. Comstock, Spokane.  
 B. J. Hardy, Anacortes.  
 M. J. Baker, Bellingham.  
 A. M. Kent, Seattle.  
 D. C. Rhodes, Mount Vernon.  
 Fred Wilhelm, Hoquiam.  
 S. W. Haptonsall, Orting.  
 James Callahan, La Conner.  
 Alex. Burnham, North .....

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

F. W. Sparling,<sup>2</sup> 1881-82.  
 George D. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 H. A. Morrow,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. M. Brooks, Seattle, 1885.  
 C. M. Holton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 A. P. Curry,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 J. W. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 S. C. Cosgrove,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 M. M. Holmes,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 D. G. Lovell,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 J. S. Brown, South Bend, 1892.  
 Joseph F. Sinclair,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 J. N. Scott,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Norman Buck,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 C. T. Patterson, South Tacoma, 1896.  
 John F. McLean,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 George W. Tibbetts, Isiaquah, 1898.  
 J. W. Langley,<sup>1</sup> 1899.

B. R. Freeman, Spokane, 1900.  
 H. A. Bigelow,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 B. C. Bedell,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Thomas H. Cavanaugh,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Frank M. Davis, Seattle, 1904.  
 J. T. Goss,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 C. B. Dunning, Spokane, 1906.  
 W. H. Mock,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 George H. Boardman, Tacoma, 1908.  
 Lyman Banks,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 W. H. Wiscombe, Spokane, 1910.  
 F. H. Hurd, Seattle, 1911.  
 R. R. Harding, Port Angeles, 1912.  
 J. E. Stewart, Spokane, 1913.  
 H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.  
 H. W. North, Everett, 1915.  
 J. E. Gandy, Spokane, 1916.

E. A. Shores,<sup>1</sup> Tacoma, 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.  
 John Phelps, Orting, 1889, transferred from Missouri.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## WEST VIRGINIA (28).

[Organized Apr. 9, 1868. Reorganized Feb. 29, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 870; posts, 29.]

Department commander-----	S. R. Hanen <sup>1</sup> -----	Glen Easton.
Senior vice department commander-----	Smith Risinger <sup>1</sup> -----	Moundsville.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. T. Cox-----	Elizabeth.
Assistant adjutant general-----	T. S. Bonar <sup>1</sup> -----	Moundsville.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

## ALTERNATES.

W. S. King, Belleville.  
 H. A. Hartley,<sup>1</sup> Kingwood.  
 W. S. Grafton,<sup>1</sup> Wheeling.  
 William Kirk, Parkersburg.

August Satow,<sup>1</sup> Belleville.  
 A. G. Chapman, Huntington.  
 T. A. Black,<sup>1</sup> Parkersburg.  
 Benton Queen, Weston.

## WEST VIRGINIA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. H. Flick,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 C. B. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 John Carlin,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 G. W. Taggart,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Lee Haymond,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 R. E. Fleming,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 S. S. Hazen,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 George J. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 I. H. Duval,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Charles E. Anderson, Weston, 1892.  
 Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.  
 F. H. Crago,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 R. E. Lee,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 R. H. Freer,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Thomas A. Maulsby,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.  
 Charles R. La Valley,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Reed, national council of administration.

M. B. Bartlett,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.  
 Alexander C. Moore,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 O. H. Michaelson, Charleston, 1904.  
 J. W. Shroyer,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Thomas M. Mills, New Martinsville,  
 1906.  
 Isaac M. Adams, Ravenswood, 1907.  
 Thomas H. Marks,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 D. Mayer,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 J. L. Caldwell, Huntington, 1910.  
 Thomas V. Salisbury, Wheeling, 1911.  
 E. A. Billingslea, Fairmont, 1912.  
 John Millan, Mannington, 1913.  
 Thos. G. Hammond, Moundsville, 1914.  
 C. T. Reed,<sup>3</sup> Wheeling, 1915.  
 James T. Piggott, Parkersburg, 1916.

## WISCONSIN (2).

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, Dec. 31, 1916, 4,247; posts, 191.]

Department commander-----	William A. Wyse <sup>1</sup> -----	Reedsburg.
Senior vice department commander----	Charles E. Likes-----	Kenosha.
Junior vice department commander----	Wm. H. Howieson-----	Chippewa Falls.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. J. McKay <sup>1</sup> -----	Madison.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Rockwell E. Osborne,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis,  
 Minn.  
 Oliver J. Burnham,<sup>1</sup> Richland Center.  
 C. F. Stemm, Kenosha.  
 Samuel M. Bond, Milton.  
 Frank H. Lyman, Kenosha.  
 Henry Stannard,<sup>1</sup> Greenbush.  
 A. B. VanMeter, Oregon.  
 John M. Galloway,<sup>1</sup> Milwaukee.  
 Henry Hase, Milwaukee.  
 Wm. De Steese,<sup>1</sup> Fond du Lac.  
 Lafayette M. Kelley, Reedsburg.  
 E. M. Copps,<sup>1</sup> Stevens Point.  
 Dennis Meidam, Appleton.  
 S. C. F. Cobban,<sup>1</sup> Chippewa Falls.  
 A. N. Lent,<sup>1</sup> Superior.

## ALTERNATES.

U. D. Wood, Black Earth.  
 M. M. Buttles, La Crosse.  
 A. L. Tucker, Berlin.  
 H. A. Holley, Waupaca.  
 R. J. Arthur,<sup>1</sup> Waukesha.  
 Ela K. Cone, Sheboygan.  
 M. J. Briggs, Dodgeville.  
 Graham G. Scott, Milwaukee.  
 C. E. Estabrook, Milwaukee.  
 Leonard H. Mowers, Ripon.  
 N. B. Hood, Spring Green.  
 John Evans,<sup>1</sup> Waupaca.  
 Israel Wood, Antigo.  
 R. J. Flint, Menominee.  
 J. H. Kellaway, Hayward.  
 Orville Strong,<sup>1</sup> Dodgeville.  
 Samuel Brisco.<sup>1</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James K. Proudfit,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 H. A. Starr,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 J. M. Rusk,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 T. S. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 Edward Ferguson,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 A. J. McCoy,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 G. A. Hannaford, Boise, Idaho, 1874-75.  
 John Hancock,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Henry G. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 F. S. Hammond,<sup>2</sup> 1878.

Griff J. Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Harvard, Nebr., 1879-  
 1881.  
 H. M. Enos,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Phil Cheek,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 James Davidson,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Lucius Fairchild,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 H. P. Fisher,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Michael Griffin,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 A. G. Weissert,<sup>1,4</sup> Milwaukee, 1888.  
 Leander Ferguson, Brandon, 1889.

## WISCONSIN—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Benjamin F. Bryant, Waupaca, 1890.  
 W. H. Upham, Marshfield, 1891.  
 G. B. Welton,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 E. A. Shores,<sup>5</sup> Tacoma, Wash., 1893.  
 J. A. Watrous,<sup>1</sup> Milwaukee, 1894.  
 W. D. Heard, Fort Atkinson, 1895.  
 D. Lloyd Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 E. B. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 C. H. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Henry Harnden,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 S. H. Tallmadge,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 D. G. James,<sup>1</sup> Richland Center, 1900.  
 A. H. de Groff,<sup>6</sup> Oakland, Cal., 1901.  
 J. H. Agen, Houston, Tex., 1902.  
 J. P. Rundle, Milwaukee, 1903.

Pliny Norcross,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 F. A. Copeland, La Crosse, 1905.  
 John W. Ganes,<sup>7</sup> Ripon, 1906.  
 John C. Martin, Madison, 1907.  
 E. D. Coe,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 R. B. Laing, Racine, 1909.  
 William H. Grinnell,<sup>1</sup> Beloit, 1909.  
 Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, 1910.  
 Hiram J. Smith, Racine, 1911.  
 George Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.  
 Charles H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.  
 S. A. Cook, Neenah, 1914.  
 W. J. McKay,<sup>1 8</sup> Madison, 1915.  
 O. L. Rosenkrans, Milwaukee, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Thomas. See Nebraska.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Shores. See Washington and Alaska.<sup>6</sup> Comrade de Groff. See California and Nevada.<sup>7</sup> Comrade Ganes, national council of administration.<sup>8</sup> Comrade McKay, assistant adjutant general.

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ELISHA H. RHODES,<sup>1</sup> Providence, R. I.  
OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.  
JOHN BIGELOW, Minneapolis, Minn.  
LESTER S. WILLSON, Bozeman, Mont.  
LEVI G. McCaULEY, West Chester, Pa.  
DAVID BEEM, Spencer, Ind.  
GEORGE W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Me.  
CHARLES H. McCONNELL,<sup>1</sup> Chicago, Ill.  
L. L. CADWELL, Decorah, Iowa.  
JOHN H. BANDEROB, Oshkosh, Wis.  
GEORGE BRECK, New York, N. Y.  
THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS, Department of Ohio.  
FRANK BATTLES, Department of New Hampshire.  
A. M. TRIMBLE, Department of Nebraska.  
W. W. DENISON, Department of Kansas.  
C. A. WILLIAMS, Department of Oregon.

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<sup>1</sup> Deceased.

DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO  
DATES OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AS HERETOFORE  
ANNOUNCED.

No.	Department.	Organized.
1	Illinois.....	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin.....	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania.....	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio.....	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York.....	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut.....	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey.....	Dec. 10 1867
9	Maine.....	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada.....	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island.....	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire.....	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont.....	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.....	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina.....	July 27, 1871
	As department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868.....	June 9, 1876 <sup>1</sup>
17	Nebraska.....	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868.....	Jan. 22, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866.....	Jan. 23, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866.....	Oct. 3, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
21	Colorado and Wyoming.....	Dec. 11, 1879
	As department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866.....	Mar. 16, 1880 <sup>1</sup>
23	Delaware.....	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867.....	Aug. 17, 1881 <sup>1</sup>
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867.....	Apr. 22, 1882 <sup>1</sup>
26	Oregon.....	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky.....	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868.....	Feb. 20, 1883 <sup>1</sup>
29	South Dakota.....	Feb. 27, 1883
	As department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	
30	Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas.....	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico.....	July 14, 1883
33	Utah.....	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee.....	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi.....	May 15, 1884
	As department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	
36	Florida.....	June 19, 1884
37	Montana.....	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas.....	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho.....	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona.....	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina.....	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama.....	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota.....	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma.....	Aug. 7, 1890
	As department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	
45	Indian Territory.....	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	

<sup>1</sup> Reorganized.







# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,**

**BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 22 AND 23, 1917.**

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1917—MORNING SESSION.**

The Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened at Symphony Hall, Huntington and Massachusetts Avenues, Boston, Mass., on August 22, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The encampment was opened in due form by Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson.

Symphony Hall was in charge of the following-named comrades, who performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner:

Officer of the day: James J. Flynn, Roxbury, Mass.

Officer of the guard: George W. Little, Brookline, Mass.

Members of the guard: Ed. W. Lermond, F. F. Folensbee, Thomas J. Graham, William Neff, Henry J. Abbott, Roxbury; George B. Loomer, Gardiner W. Richards, Allen B. M. Hildreth, A. Otis Chamberlain, C. Parker Cox, Cambridge; Costelly O. Norcross, William W. O'Connell, William B. Webber, Prince A. Phinney, H. K. Gould, Brookline; James J. Pratt, Rollin L. Elms, Dorchester; Charles W. Coleman, Waltham; Ed Daisey, Cambridgeport; James B. Kelleher, Jamaica Plain; Timothy Sullivan, Atlantic; Amos L. Barnes, Winthrop; B. F. Briggs, Chelsea; John Jones, Somerville; Thomas Dolan, West Newton; Dennis Driscoll, Mattapan.

**THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.** The chaplain in chief will now invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief O. S. REED, Pueblo, Colo. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this goodly land, the heritage of our fathers. Pleasant memories gather about us as we are assembled in this historic city this morning to begin the work of this encampment, hallowed and precious memories about us—cradle of American liberty here furnished which has wrought so great results in the history not alone of our own land but has gone beyond the seas and received recognition.

We thank Thee that King Corn has marshaled his forces over the prairies and in the valleys of our great land and determined that we shall have plenty of grain this autumn time for the sustenance not alone of our Nation but of our allied powers.

Whilst we deplore war and look upon it as cruel and horrible, now that we are in it we ask Thy blessings to rest upon Old Glory wherever she may wave in foreign lands; and be with the boys who go forward to do their duty. Be with them in the camp life and on the field of battle.

And, oh, we earnestly pray that out of war may come a time when through the intellectuality of men generally all may stand forth sovereigns; when the divine right of kings shall have been forever and everlastingly shot to pieces; and when a democracy shall encircle this, our earth—when all men may stand forth on an equality.

We thank Thee for the seeds of liberty implanted here in American hearts.

Now we ask Thy choicest blessing upon the deliberations of this assembly, upon this officary, upon all who are gathered here with us. Grant us Thy blessings. Be with our widows and orphaned ones. Be with those who are left behind us. Be with our soldiers. Oh, we thank Thee that so many of them have survived the shock of war. We thank Thee for the gratitude in their hearts that exists this day, for the patriotic ardor that still inspires and that leads them to assemble together thus annually in conclave.

Be Thou with us all, and that to bless us, we ask through Christ's name. Amen.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Officer of the day, are all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic?

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (Comrade James J. Flynn). Commander in Chief, all present have been admitted by the countersign and representative badge.

Comrade DANIEL E. DENNY, department commander of Massachusetts. I have been delegated by the Department of Massachusetts to appear here this morning and present to Commander in Chief Patterson a gavel, in order that he may conduct the business of this encampment properly.

We have come here this morning and have prepared a gavel which is constructed out of "Old Ironsides," the frigate *Constitution*. It is unnecessary for me at this time to tell this audience the history of the old frigate *Constitution*, which lies at its wharf in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

When our distinguished Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley, of Massachusetts, was at Kansas City last year, and when he was introducing arguments for the encampment to be held in the city of Boston, he made use of this expression:

Comrades, among other things that we will do for you if you will come to Boston is this: We will present you a gavel made from a piece of the historic Bunker Hill Monument, with a handle made from the frigate *Constitution*, and we will present you with a block of oak from the historic town of Concord, where the first gun was fired in the Revolution, that was heard around the world.

I am not going to take your time, Commander in Chief, to give you the history of that; but, sir, I am going to present you this gavel, with which the commandant of the navy yard has sent a letter, which proves that this is the real article, made from the frigate *Constitution*; and it is also presented in the name of the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans.

We trust, sir, that you will accept this as a personal souvenir, and that you will take it to your home at the close of this encampment and keep it as one of the mementos of this encampment of 1917.

We realize that this gavel is so slight that you would not care, perhaps, to use it as perhaps it will need to be used, and so, Commander in Chief, in order that you might have a gavel that is strong enough that you can pound to your heart's content, we have had one made of the hardest wood that is known; and we trust, sir, that you will keep that also as a souvenir. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I accept these gavels in the spirit in which they are presented. I will use this for maintaining order in this encampment and I shall carry them home as precious mementos of this meeting in Boston.

The adjutant general will call the roll.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you that the call of the roll be dispensed with and the report of the committee on credentials be accepted.

The motion was duly seconded.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, that the call of the roll be dispensed with and the report of the committee on credentials be accepted. The committee will make their report and then the motion will be put.

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. Commander in Chief, the committee on credentials have examined the credentials of the various departments and would recommend that the printed enrollment of the encampment be accepted as the correct roll, to be corrected by the adjutant general at the close of the encampment. There are some corrections to be made.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion now is that the call of the roll be dispensed with and that the report of the committee on credentials be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will say "aye"; contrary, "no." Carried. The next is the reports of officers. The address of the commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Assuming that the encampment is now about at its maximum strength, and because there are so many vacant seats and it is so difficult to hear in the rear of the hall, I move that we consolidate, moving forward in the order in which we are now located, until the vacant seats in front are filled.

The motion was seconded by many comrades.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion: That the comrades in the rear move forward and fill the vacant seats. Are you ready for the question?

Comrade C. E. NASON, of Maine. Is it not a fact that many delegates in this convention have not arrived? It is their desire when they do come to sit with their own departments, and I, for one, shall oppose the motion that the seats assigned the various departments be taken by delegates from other departments.

Comrade STEWART YOUNG, of Idaho. I am in favor of the motion. I came 3,000 miles, over the mountains, to listen, and I can not hear a word.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. The Department of Indiana wants to know what is going on, so that they may act with

their usual intelligence. So long as it is the habit of the speakers to whisper so that those immediately about them may know what is going on—it may be all wisely done, but if Indiana is to be responsible for it we want to hear, and we don't want any whispering on the stage.

Comrade C. A. B. Fox, of South Dakota. I want to suggest that the committee on arrangements fix it so that we can hear.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, secretary of Boston encampment committee. These seats have been partitioned so that the representatives of each department can be seated in the space allotted to them. I would suggest that you wait until after the commander in chief's address, and then if there are still vacant seats in front they can be occupied.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is that the comrades in the rear be allowed to move forward and occupy the vacant seats. All in favor of that motion will say "aye," contrary, "no." Carried. Now the comrades may move forward and occupy these seats.

(Whereupon the comrades in the rear moved forward and filled the vacant seats.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief William H. Wormstead was called to the chair by the commander in chief.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades of the national encampment, you will now give attention to the reading of the commander in chief's address.

(The commander in chief then read his address to the encampment, as follows:)

#### ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

The grand rounds of another year have come and gone since the Fiftieth National Encampment placed in my keeping the standard of the Grand Army of the Republic.

When I entered upon the duties of commander in chief of this great organization it was with considerable apprehension for the future, but thanks to an able and devoted corps of assistants I feel assured that my administration has in a measure been successful.

It is with pleasure that I call the Fifty-first National Encampment to order in the great historic city of Boston. We come to the grand old Bay State, where the first shot was fired at Lexington that led to self-government by the American people.

We come as guests to the home of Adams, of Warren, and of Paul Revere, of Revolutionary fame, and of John A. Andrew, the war governor in the trying times of the sixties. We come to the State whose sons shed the first blood in the struggle for independence and whose Sixth Regiment shed the first blood in the Civil War.

The people of Massachusetts and of Boston welcome us with open arms; their hospitality has never been surpassed; their generosity is unbounded. We come to this cradle of liberty to again view Faneuil Hall, Old South Church, Boston Harbor, and Bunker Hill, among the many other treasured scenes of the stirring days of 1776.

The glad hand of Boston has been stretched out to every comrade from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico. All who have responded to the invitation so cor-



dially given will return to their homes with a deep sense of appreciation for the royal entertainment received from our patriotic brethren of this great New England city.

The present year has been crowded with national and international questions of grave importance affecting the well-being of mankind.

While the American people were reluctant to enter the world's war, yet the force of circumstances leading to that end was irresistible, and we are now ranged with the allies in the great battle for justice and humanity.

The continued and increasing insolence of the German Imperial Government could no longer be tolerated. Its violation of solemn pledges; its army of plotting spies scattered through our land; its schemes to destroy workshops and create strikes; its intrigues to stir up insurrections among our own people and provoke hostilities in neighboring nations had reached a point where forbearance had ceased to be a virtue.

When notice came to us that the solemn pledge of Germany was to be set aside and the indiscriminate and ruthless submarine warfare resumed, the only course left for this Government was to sever diplomatic relations with that Empire. When that action was taken your commander in chief on the 5th of February addressed the following telegram to the President:

The Grand Army of the Republic heartily supports your stand for the neutral rights of Americans to the free use of the open seas.

When in Washington, later in the same month, attending the annual encampment of the Department of the Potomac, I called at the White House in company with Comrade John McElroy to reiterate in person what had been declared by wire. President Wilson received us cordially and expressed his pleasure at our prompt indorsement of his course, remarking that he and the whole country knew without any assurances how the Grand Army of the Republic stood on all patriotic questions and that no one had any doubt as to how that great organization stood in the present crisis.

The Congress of the United States, by solemn enactment has declared war against Germany and joined the allies in the great battle for the rights of mankind. By this act our lives, our property, and our sacred honor are pledged in support of liberty in the titanic struggle now waged between autocracy and democracy.

Now that the die has been cast and the sword drawn in defense of the rights of man, there is only one course for this country to pursue, and that is to fight with all its power for victory in this holy cause.

We have not entered this war through selfish motives. We do not look for any reward. We are fighting for the freedom of the world. We have unsheathed the sword in defense of our rights as a Nation. We have drawn it in favor of the oppressed people of Europe who have appealed to us for help.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: In God is our trust.

Except for the physical training of men, this Nation was never better prepared for a great war. The people of the whole country are now thoroughly loyal and devoted to the flag. In my visitations to southern departments last spring I saw no flag but the United States flag displayed on public or private buildings. On invitation



I visited several Confederate soldiers' homes and noticed the Star-Spangled Banner, and none other, floating to the breeze in front of these institutions.

Our one-time enemies of the South now express unqualified loyalty to the Union. In the war now confronting us, the men of the North and the men of the South will be found marching shoulder to shoulder in defense of humanity and of the rights of the American Union.

The Grand Army of the Republic is to-day more highly esteemed than ever before. The present world's titanic struggle has turned the thoughts of the people more keenly to the scenes of the Civil War. The memories of our terrible conflict have been revived and the people of the country are again brought face to face with what war means. They realize in a measure what our "boys in blue" passed through to save to posterity the glorious Union which now holds such an honored place among the nations of the world.

#### THE FLAG.

Our flag, the oldest and most beautiful in the world, should have the love and respect of every true American. Of late it is being treated with greater reverence than in former years. Some people through ignorance or design desecrate its beautiful folds for ignoble purposes. Last December my attention was called to an advertisement that appeared in several magazines showing Uncle Sam dressed in the Stars and Stripes, smoking a certain brand of cigarettes. The Association of National Advertisers being in session at Boston at the time, I addressed the following communication to its president, inclosing a copy of the advertisement:

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 6, 1916.

MR. E. I. SHUEY,

*President Association of National Advertisers (Inc.),  
Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.*

MY DEAR SIR: It has been called to my attention that the Association of National Advertisers is meeting in Boston this week, and I am therefore taking the liberty of calling your attention to the inclosed advertisement which has appeared in many of the December magazines and which has caused much adverse criticism because it is a violation of the "flag laws" of Pennsylvania and of many other States.

As commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic I would respectfully ask that your organization take some action disapproving of this class of advertisements and refusing to accept such as are in any way a violation of the various flag laws, or which seem to belittle in any way the flag for which my comrades offered their lives.

It may interest you to know that the National Association of Window Dressers at its last meeting in Chicago voted to use the flag only for decorative purposes, and not as a floor covering or foundation in any way. Hoping to hear favorably from you, I am,

Very respectfully, yours,

W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

To the request contained in this letter the association advised me of the adoption of the following resolution:

15 EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,  
New York City, December 12, 1916.

MR. W. J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

DEAR SIR: On my return to the office to-day, following upon the annual meeting of the Association of National Advertisers at Boston last week, I am glad to

have the pleasure of sending you copy of the resolution that was passed by the members of the association, in accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of December 6, that the organization take action disapproving of the use of the United States flag in advertising.

Yours, very truly,

J. SULLIVAN,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

#### COPY OF RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That the Association of National Advertisers disapproves of the use of the American flag or national emblem in general advertising, and particularly disapproves of the use of the flag or emblem in any advertising manner that might seem to belittle their dignity; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the president of this association send a copy of this resolution to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who has brought the suggestion to the attention of this association.

Thus we have taken another step forward in securing greater respect for Old Glory. Our flag, representing the safety, honor, and glory of the Nation, should receive the love and esteem of every American citizen. Our people should gladly pay that homage to our national colors that we demand from every nation of the world.

Flag of a thousand battles,  
Beautiful flag of the free,  
Waving from over the ocean,  
Waving from lake to sea.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Next to the flag, our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, should be revered. While esteem of this hymn of the Republic has been growing of late years, yet bands and orchestras at public meetings will sometimes thoughtlessly include it in a medley. Comrades of our order should always discountenance this violation of propriety and disregard of the official action of our national encampment by remaining seated on such occasions.

#### VISITATIONS.

While my official visitations to department encampments were not as far-reaching as desired, yet I traveled over 24,500 miles and appeared at 21 of these annual meetings with their attendant affiliated associations. I had to forego the pleasure of visiting many other encampments on account of conflicting dates. In four such cases I was represented by national and past national officers. In addition to visits to department encampments, I attended numerous other State meetings, flag raisings, camp fires, and other public functions. On all occasions I was cordially received and royally entertained by our comrades and kindred patriotic associations. Everywhere I went I met with the same hearty comradeship that is characteristic of the boys in blue, who are still loyal to that fraternity whose "links of gold are joined with hooks of steel."

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Grand Army of the Republic is following the inevitable rule of human life. It is slowly but surely marching toward the end. Since 1890, when the high-water mark of the order

was reached, with 409,489 comrades in good standing on the rolls, we have been gradually falling off until the present year, when our numbers do not exceed 135,931. good men and true, who are still marching toward the sunset of life with the same undaunted spirit that carried them through the trying scenes of the sixties.

I notice of late years that the number of members in suspension from delinquent reports is on the increase. This is principally due to the growing infirmities of age, which render the work of making reports more laborious as time goes on. The adjutant general's report shows that 2,454 comrades were suspended by delinquent reports at the close of last year.

This labor could be materially reduced by amending our rules and regulations so as to require posts and departments to make reports annually instead of semiannually. The per capita tax could be based upon the number of comrades in good standing December 31 of the previous year, one-half of this tax to be paid in January and the other half in July.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the committee on rules and regulations, with instructions to formulate and submit to this encampment such an amendment to be considered and acted upon under the suspension of rules.

We can not hope at this late day to obtain recruits from those who held aloof from our organization all these years, but we can retain in membership the men now on our rolls. We should not drop any comrade for nonpayment of dues. If he is worthy, we should see to it that his name remains on the post roster until the summons comes that cancels all his debts.

In the year just closing there passed from life into death five past national officers of our order, members of the national encampment, Past Commanders in Chief William Warner and William C. Johnson, and Past Senior Vice Commanders in Chief Elisha H. Rhodes, George W. Cook and Selden Connor. The loss of these honored comrades of our order will surely be regretted by all, while their active interest and fraternal counsel of the past will be missed.

#### FINANCES.

The finances of the organization are in satisfactory condition. The statement of Past Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer of the permanent fund, shows \$36,800 invested in first-class bonds and stocks, and a cash balance of \$1,112.52 on hand after paying the quartermaster general \$2,000 accrued interest for current expenses. The securities and balance of cash are on deposit to the credit of the treasurer in the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., of Philadelphia.

The report of Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, shows, after all bills have been paid, a cash balance on hand in the general fund of \$3,021.26 and in the southern memorial fund \$881.21. I invite your attention to both these reports for full and comprehensive statements of the present condition of our finances.

In this connection I desire to state that the organization was not at any expense for rent. Through the courtesy of the board of managers of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, at Pittsburgh, com-

modious rooms for headquarters, including light, heat, and janitor's services, were furnished free of cost.

#### PENSIONS.

One of the first acts to gladden our hearts after the adjournment of the Fiftieth National Encampment was the announcement that the bill increasing the widows' pensions had passed Congress and been signed by the President. No more worthy measure has ever been enacted into law. The noble women who have toiled and suffered and cared for helpless veteran soldiers are fully entitled to this increase. The women of our land were great sufferers in the War for the Union. There were tens of thousands of Mrs. Bixbys whose sons were sacrificed on the altar of liberty without any compensating personal return. How little the world notes the heartaches of those whose dearest and best fell in defense of the Union and whose homes were left desolate. No pension legislation of a general character has been passed by Congress this year.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

Soon after the establishment of national headquarters at Pittsburgh, the question of railroad rates to the Boston encampment was taken up. On the advice of Mr. Samuel Moody, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Lines West, correspondence was entered into with the trunk-line associations, urging a reasonable reduction in the rates of transportation over their several roads to Boston during the present encampment. Our correspondence accomplished nothing. The railroad officials continue to adhere to their practice of recent years in refusing to concede to the Grand Army of the Republic the lower rates granted at certain periods of the year to the general public.

The fact that the trunk lines can make this discrimination in the rates of passenger transportation is evidence that there is nothing in the law of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as has heretofore been claimed, that would prevent them from giving our organization at least as good treatment as that accorded to the general public.

This is one of the cases where the patriotism and loyalty of the past are soon forgotten, and this class of corporations is willing to reap the fruits of our services in protecting their property in the sixties without any consideration whatever for us at the present day.

#### MEMORIAL DAY AND MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

These days of sacred memories were observed this year with more than usual interest. The great world's war raging in the Eastern Hemisphere turned the thoughts of our people more keenly to what service in the Army and Navy meant and to what our boys in blue had endured in defense of our country.

Americans were looking forward to the near future when their boys of the present day would march to the front to fight in defense of liberty and humanity as their fathers did over 50 years ago.

With these thoughts uppermost in the minds of all who participated at these services at cemeteries and churches, increased reverence prevailed. The exercises on these occasions were impressive, and the orations and sermons were eloquent and instructive.

#### MEMORIAL EXERCISES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The visitations of our comrades to the public schools during our memorial season are always enthusiastically received and appreciated by teachers and pupils alike. Unusual interest seemed to be manifested by these schools immediately preceding last Memorial Day. The work of visiting these institutions of learning merits our careful and continued attention.

#### CHANDLER CASE.

On the 20th of November, 1916, William C. Chandler wrote me inquiring what action, if any, had been taken by the Fiftieth National Encampment at Kansas City on his appeal from the decision of Commander in Chief Palmer. Page 150 of the Journal of the Forty-ninth National Encampment, held at Washington, D. C., shows that action upon the appeal was postponed until the next national encampment, but the records of that encampment do not show that any action was taken in the matter, and the appeal therefore comes to this encampment as unfinished business.

I, therefore, recommend that the appeal, with all papers concerning it, be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report to this encampment for its consideration and final decision.

#### LEGISLATION.

The only matter of legislation that has been brought to my attention is a bill introduced in the National House of Representatives by Comrade Henry Z. Osborne, past senior vice commander in chief, requiring every United States court to display our flag while the court is in session. This is a worthy measure and merits our commendation.

#### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

All our affiliated societies are doing wonderfully good work along the lines followed by the Grand Army of the Republic. They have been caring for sick comrades, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and comforting the afflicted. Out of the wealth of loving hearts they have brought joy to many a sorrowing household. They have been unceasing in missions of mercy wherever opportunity offered.

#### ARMY NURSES.

The Army nurses stand very close to the veteran soldier of the Civil War. These noble women were associated with us amid the hardships and dangers of the field and in the hospitals. The ministrations they rendered to the wounded and sick in the days of the war come to us as a blessed memory of the past. We shall ever hold



them as the dearest of our comrades of the great struggle of the sixties.

May the God of all grace sustain and comfort them during the remainder of their journey to the sunset of this life and the reveille of that which is to come.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Our faithful auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, now 160,000 strong, continues to grow in numbers and influence. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Ida K. Martin, its national president, this organization has made decided progress. Its unfaltering loyalty to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic was never more fully manifest. Its patriotic services in teaching the rising generation to honor our flag and country were never better received or more highly appreciated.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This association, composed of mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of Union soldiers and sailors, is always doing good work in assisting weak posts and departments of our order and in teaching patriotism wherever the organization exists. Under the intelligent and tactful guidance of its national president, Mrs. Virginia C. McClure, it has been moving forward in membership and influence. Its self-sacrificing work in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic is ever held in grateful remembrance.

#### DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

The National Alliance of Daughters of Veterans, under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Myrtie W. Best, its national president, has continued its good services in assisting the Grand Army of the Republic whenever opportunity offered. Like good daughters, they are ever mindful of the wants of their fathers. God bless our dear girls and bring them abundant success in their noble work.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

The Sons of Veterans, under the able leadership of Commander in Chief William T. Church, has been meeting with decided success. Its membership has been largely increased the present term. The wise course pursued by this organization of late years in its relation to the Grand Army of the Republic has deepened our respect and tended to promote a better understanding between these bodies. The Sons of Veterans are now assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in Memorial Day exercises, in teaching patriotism, and in helping unfortunate comrades and their dependent ones. This organization is destined to become strong in numbers and great in influence.

#### APPRECIATION.

The organization of Boy Scouts is not affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, yet its members have become wonderfully helpful to our comradeship whenever national or department en-

campments or other meetings of veteran soldiers are held. Their attentive and courteous services to our comrades in strange cities, where large crowds assemble, is of inestimable value.

In my journeys through the country I have frequently observed these alert gentlemanly boys assisting men, women, and children in many needful ways—giving information, assisting with baggage, conducting them to conveyances, and in case of departure from the city helping them on board their trains. I have found the boys at department headquarters rooms in hotels ready for any duty required. On such occasions they have been useful as messengers and caretakers of these headquarters rooms in the absence of comrades.

The services of the boys of this great organization, now over 200,000 strong, are and will continue to be appreciated by the comradeship of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Every member of this body is pledged as a Boy Scout—

First. To do his duty to God and his country, and to obey the scout law.

Second. To help other people at all times.

Third. To keep himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF.

Before concluding this address I desire to express my appreciation and grateful acknowledgment to my coworkers in the Grand Army of the Republic during my term of office. To all my national officers, to my aids-de-camp, and to all my comrades who have so loyally assisted in holding aloft the standard of the order, my heartfelt thanks are tendered. While my obligations to these comrades are great, yet I feel under special obligations to some of my staff.

Without disparagement to anyone, permit me to especially mention the faithful and intelligent services of my adjutant general, H. H. Bengough. His close attention and clear perception of the duties of the office were of inestimable value.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits has always conducted the affairs of his office in such an admirable and systematic manner and with such absolute correctness, that I felt implicit confidence that he would carry the affairs of that department through the present term with credit to himself and honor to my administration.

I can not let this opportunity pass without a word of commendation for the services of Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary at national headquarters. Her faithfulness and devotion to duty have been of untold value. Her knowledge of the rules and regulations and of legislation enacted by previous encampments, and her personal acquaintance with comrades throughout our organization, have been invaluable.

While I served nine years as a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration, it was only when I became commander in chief that I realized how much detail work devolved upon national headquarters. In an experience of over 40 years as manager of an insurance company, I know something of the importance of having office work promptly and intelligently performed. Miss Flood's ability in systematic office work can not be excelled.



Those who have experienced the need of such services can more fully appreciate their value.

#### CONCLUSION.

Comrades, my work as commander in chief is about finished. I have done my best to render faithful service for the distinguished honor conferred upon me one year ago.

While the duties of the position have been exacting, yet withal they were very pleasant. I have had an opportunity of taking more comrades by the hand and knowing them better than otherwise would have been possible. The more we know of our comradeship of the Grand Army of the Republic the more we are impressed with the grandeur of the order.

I again thank you for the honor bestowed upon me and for the kindly consideration and cheerful assistance rendered me throughout the year of my administration.

I lay down the gavel, the emblem of authority, with a sense of relief, mingled with regret; relief that I shall no longer be charged with the responsibilities of the office, and regret that I shall not again meet so many good and true comrades throughout the country.

Now that the end of my term is at hand when the mantle of commander in chief will fall on other shoulders, I shall again take my place in the ranks to assist the remaining membership of our great organization in upholding the cardinal principles of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, as a committee upon the address of the commander in chief, I will appoint Past Commanders in Chief James Tanner, of New York; Charles G. Burton, of Missouri; and H. M. Trimble, of Illinois.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Senior Vice Commander in Chief, in this connection I would move that the Chandler case, as referred to in the address of the commander in chief, be referred to the same committee of three, with direction to report thereon to this encampment.

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion made by Comrade Stowits and seconded. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will manifest it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it.

The commander in chief resumed the chair.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief, inasmuch as every delegate has a printed copy of the reports of the other officers I therefore move that all the reports be received without reading, as printed, and referred to the various committees.

Several comrades seconded the motion, which was duly put by the commander in chief and carried.

Comrade R. A. PARKER, of Michigan. I understand that a representative of the Russian Government is in the antechamber. It was arranged yesterday that the greetings of this encampment and of the soldiers who saved this Union be sent to the soldiers of that new Government for the people, by the people, and of the people. Arrangements were made with the Russian consul that he would at once cable this greeting to the Russian soldiers, and that it would be delivered as fast as possible by telegram to every Russian regi-

ment. Our hearts are in this, and therefore I move, sir, that the order of business be suspended and that he be invited and escorted to the platform to receive the resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. You have heard the motion, that the order of business be suspended and the representative of the Russian Government be now admitted to hear the greetings of this encampment. All in favor of that motion will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered. Past Commanders in Chief Monfort and Beers are appointed a committee to escort the representative of the Russian Government to the platform. Comrade Wetherbee wants to make an announcement.

Comrade **WILFRED A. WETHERBEE**, of Massachusetts. I have been requested to make an announcement that there has been established a medical room at the entrance of this corridor, where there will be a doctor and a nurse on hand all the time in case they are needed. We sincerely hope they will not be needed. I am also requested to say to you that on Friday the delegates to this encampment are invited to a harbor excursion and fish dinner, leaving Boston on two boats, at 11 and 11.30. Now, I wish the commanders of departments would take notice of what I am saying and carry it out; and that is, that each department commander will poll his organization and find out how many of his delegates are going to remain Friday to take part in that excursion. We want you all to go, so far as that is concerned, but at the same time we don't want to issue a lot of tickets that are not going to be used. Now, I wish that the department commanders, between now and the coming together of the afternoon session, would poll their delegations and find out how many of your comrades of your departments are going to take that excursion. We shall be able to provide for the delegates and for the wives of the delegates, if you have got any, but we don't want you to bring anybody's else. [Applause.] I want to say that the ladies are being taken care of at their own convention, so it is only for those of you who are here who have your ladies that are not members of the other organizations. Now, after lunch I shall come to the various commanders, and I hope you will be able to tell me, so that I can divide up the tickets. The boats start from Rowe's wharf on Atlantic Avenue. You take any of the Rowe's wharf cars and they will take you straight to the boat landing. The yellow tickets will be issued for the 11 o'clock boat and are so marked. The blue tickets are for the 11.30 boat. There will be music, both vocal and instrumental, on both boats, and when you get there we will give you a good time and try to give you a good dinner. We hope that as many of you will go as can. I will state that you can return any time you please. I don't know just what time the boats will come back regularly, but your tickets are good on any boat returning. Our boats will be in Boston before half past 5. But, as I say, your ticket will be good on any boat returning from Nantasket Beach, so if you want to go home at 2 o'clock you can go.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. The committees will now be announced.

Adj. Gen. **H. H. BENGOUGH**. Commander in chief, in order to save time, before I read the committees, I want to say that many departments have not conformed with the orders of the commander

in chief to report to the adjutant general their member of the committee on resolutions and also their member of the council of administration. I will just read those that are missing and request them to report promptly. (Reading names of departments missing.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will now read the committees appointed.

(Whereupon the adjutant general read the following list of committees:)

*Committee on address of commander in chief.*—James Tanner, New York; Charles G. Burton, Missouri; H. M. Trimble, Illinois.

*Committee on reports of other officers.*—Oscar A. Janes, Michigan; Lewis S. Pilcher, New York; John M. Adams, Ohio; H. Z. Osborne, California and Nevada; Frank Battles, New Hampshire.

*Greetings to Army nurses of the Civil War.*—John E. Gilman, Massachusetts; George B. Loud, New York; W. F. Hambright, Pennsylvania.

*Committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps.*—David J. Palmer, Iowa; Daniel E. Denny, Massachusetts; Silas H. Towler, Minnesota.

*Committee on greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R.*—Robert Mann Woods, Illinois; A. W. Smith, Kansas; A. S. Fowler, Arkansas.

*Committee on greetings to the Daughters of Veterans.*—Washington Gardner, Michigan; William M. Hahn, Ohio; Henry J. Seeley, Connecticut.

*Committee on greetings to the Sons of Veterans.*—Elias R. Monfort, Ohio; George A. Hosley, Massachusetts; Samuel Fallows, Illinois.

*Committee on greetings to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.*—W. A. Ketcham, Indiana; J. A. Watrous, Wisconsin; William T. Powell, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. To expedite business, I move that all resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions without preliminary reading or debate.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion that all resolutions be received and referred to the committee on resolutions without reading or debate will say "aye." Contrary "no." Carried.

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. Commander in Chief, I have some communications that I think should be presented to the encampment at this time (reading):

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 20, 1917.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,

*Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Boston, Mass.*

Kindly accept and convey to our great and grand old comrades in national convention assembled at Boston hearty felicitation and best wishes for a most successful encampment from the younger men who served their country in '98, and who stand ready to-day, as they have in the past, to join in any cause which may benefit the men who saved the Union.

D. V. CHISHOLM,

*Commander in Chief United Spanish War Veterans.*

Comrade CHARLES BURROWS, of New Jersey. I move that the telegram be received and acknowledged by the adjutant general.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The commander in chief has already acknowledged it.

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH (reading):

The navy yard will be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of their families who accompany them. Comrades must wear the Grand Army badge in order to secure admission.

The navy yard is closed to the people of this country, and this is a great honor extended to the comrades.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think so.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. I move you that the invitation be accepted and acknowledged.

(The motion was duly seconded and passed.)

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I did not get the date that the navy yard will be open for admission of comrades.

The ADJUTANT GENERAL. It is open at all times, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. this week, to the comrades and their families only.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the motion to accept the invitation will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary "no." It is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I rise to ask where the papers are in the Chandler case which has been referred to the committee of which I am chairman.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The Adjutant General has them and will turn them over to you.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Then I desire to make a further announcement, that I shall exercise my prerogative as chairman and appoint as a subcommittee on that case Judge Burton and Judge Trimble. I will try and absorb their views on the balance of the commander in chief's address.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. The Chandler papers are important and are in possession of the secretary. We did not deem it wise to bring them here until they were needed.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Will you please get them into the hands of either Judge Burton or Judge Trimble?

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Certainly. (Reading:)

The National Association of Vicksburg Veterans begs to announce to the assembly of the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the National Memorial Reunion and Peace Jubilee of the survivors of Union and Confederate Civil War Veterans of 1861 to 1865 will be held on the Government domain within the Vicksburg National Military Park, October 16 to 19 next, for which the United States appropriated the sum of \$150,000 to defray the expenses of preparing the grounds for the camp, supplied with sanitary water, drainage, tents, and bedding, the necessary garrison equipment, medical attendance, and wholesome food properly prepared and served to the attending Union and Confederate Civil War Veterans, irrespective of armies or campaigns in which they served.

Beyond a doubt this will be the last gathering of the Civil War veterans. It is hoped that a large attendance may respond to the most cordial invitation hereby extended to the comrades to freely participate in this the veterans last reunion.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VICKSBURG VETERANS,  
F. A. ROZIENE, *President*.

E. A. STEVENS, *Secretary*.



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The roll of departments will now be called for resolutions and communications.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETTERBEE, of Massachusetts. Commander in Chief, I wish to make one other announcement while the comrades are here, and that is that the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts have provided a first-class lunch for every delegate in this encampment, and it will be ready in a little while. I want to say to you, old baldheads, that you will be waited upon by a lot of handsome girls. [Applause.] I want to say that this lunch does not cost you a cent and it is right here in this building. So don't go away, and don't adjourn until you get your tickets for that dinner, and they will be ready very soon.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Call of the roll of departments for the reception of resolutions and communications.

The roll of departments was called by the adjutant general, and in response thereto various resolutions were sent to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any private resolutions to be offered by members of the encampment? The resolutions and communications submitted by the several departments will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions to be reported upon later. No doubt many members of the encampment attended the semiofficial meeting on Monday night and were present when the Woman's Relief Corps presented a check for \$1,000. [Applause.] They have submitted their annual report to be read at this encampment.

Adjutant General H. H. Bengough then read the report of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, as follows:

BOSTON, MASS., August 22, 1917.

Comrade WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure to present a summary of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending June 30, 1917:

GENERAL SUMMARY TO MARCH 31, 1917.

Number of departments.....	36
Number of provisional departments.....	2
Number of corps.....	2, 642
Number of members.....	160, 871
Amount expended for relief.....	\$34, 902. 04
Amount of cash turned over to posts.....	20, 949. 13
For relief other than money.....	49, 766. 07
Total expended as above.....	\$105, 617. 24
For Memorial Day.....	12, 300. 09
For Southern memorial fund.....	1, 367. 77
For Army nurses.....	1, 410. 00
Total.....	15, 077. 86
Total amount expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above, during the year.....	120, 695. 10
Total expended for relief and Memorial Day, etc., since organization to Mar. 31, 1916.....	4, 699, 299. 21
Total expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., since organization to May 30, 1917.....	4, 819, 994. 31

The national treasurer's report shows cash balances, Mar. 31, 1917:

In general fund.....	\$11, 827. 66
In all other funds.....	2, 704. 78
Total cash in all funds.....	14, 532. 44
Due from departments.....	750. 89
Due from detached corps.....	. 00
Salable supplies, valued at cost.....	6, 050. 90
Total assets.....	21, 334. 23

Liabilities, none.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

IDA K. MARTIN,  
National President.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report. What action shall be taken? A motion to receive and spread on the minutes would be in order.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move that the report be received and placed upon the minutes, and the thanks of this encampment be tendered to the Woman's Relief Corps for the work performed and for their generous donation.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want to say before we reach the point of adjournment, if the various committees will take the matter in hand and promptly report, we will get well through with our work before night, if the encampment will sustain the chair in maintaining order. My desire is to push the business along so that we won't be all tired out by lingering here and stretching out matters that can be promptly disposed of. The adjutant general will now report the names of the members of the committee on resolutions as far as received.

Adjutant General BENGOUGH. The list is incomplete. The departments failing to report up to this time should now report promptly.

(The adjutant general then read the names as reported. Following is the complete committee as reported during the encampment:)

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama.....	Henry M. Austin.....	Bedford, Va.
Arizona.....	A. S. Fowler.....	Little Rock.
Arkansas.....	J. M. Walling.....	Nevada City, Cal.
California and Nevada.....	Wm. Butler.....	Longmont, Colo.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Henry J. Seeley.....	Bridgeport.
Connecticut.....	Wm. K. Grant.....	Wilmington.
Delaware.....	A. C. Shaffer.....	Lakeland.
Florida.....	W. M. Scott.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Georgia and South Carolina.....	J. M. Gill.....	Boise.
Idaho.....	W. F. Calhoun.....	Decatur.
Illinois.....	Wm. A. Ketcham.....	Indianapolis.
Indiana.....	L. L. Cadwell.....	Decorah.
Iowa.....	A. W. Smith.....	Topeka.
Kansas.....	LeVant Dodge.....	Berea.
Kentucky.....		

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—continued.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Louisiana and Mississippi...	E. K. Russ.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Edward A. Butler.....	Rockland.
Maryland.....	Geo. W. F. Vernon.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sidney Sibley.....	Fitchburg.
Michigan.....	Washington Gardner.....	Albion.
Minnesota.....	Silas H. Towler.....	Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	Chas. G. Burton.....	Portland, Oreg.
Montana.....	James R. Goss.....	Billings.
Nebraska.....	J. S. Hoagland.....	North Platte.
New Hampshire.....	Wm. H. Trickey.....	Tilton.
New Jersey.....	Frank O. Cole.....	Jersey City.
New Mexico.....	Jefferson Raynolds.....	East Las Vegas.
New York.....	James D. Bell.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	John W. Carroll.....	Lisbon.
Ohio.....	W. M. Hahn.....	Mansfield.
Oklahoma.....	J. H. Norton.....	Oklahoma City.
Oregon.....		
Pennsylvania.....	C. H. W. Ruhe.....	Pittsburgh.
Potomac.....	Geo. H. Slaybaugh.....	Washington.
Rhode Island.....	Joseph Gough.....	Providence.
South Dakota.....	George W. Snow.....	Springfield.
Tennessee.....	J. C. Mordough.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Texas.....	H. W. Nye.....	Fort Worth.
Utah.....		
Vermont.....	D. L. Morgan.....	Rutland.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	H. W. House.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Washington and Alaska.....	John J. See.....	Anacortes.
West Virginia.....	W. S. Grafton.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	J. A. Watrous.....	Milwaukee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee as announced will be the committee on resolutions. The vacancies in the list will be supplied later. I appoint that committee with Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner as chairman to meet and report as promptly as possible to the encampment. Is there any further business? Comrades will be seated until we can complete the business of this session.

Chief of Staff WILLIAM M. HAHN, of Ohio. Commander, I have a very pleasant duty to perform. At Kansas City you were elected commander in chief of the greatest patriotic organization in the world. There can be no question that all these, my soldier friends, are patriotic and therefore it was an honor conferred upon you, and no mistake was made in your selection.

To-day, as we meet in this noted city as the Grand Army of the Republic, it will be our last meeting in Boston. It is true we will have other national encampments.

But as the aids on your staff we knew your worth. We knew when you were elected you would make an honored commander. We feel to-day that you have filled that position with credit to yourself and credit to your comrades. The aids on your staff deemed it wise, patriotic, noble, true, that we present to you some token of our love and respect, and therefore I present to you in the name of your aids a beautiful badge made of the finest diamonds and the purest gold.

We do it for the reason that we repose in you that confidence that would require a substantial gift like this. Take it, my comrade, in



behalf of your aids, and wear it on your noble bosom. [Cries of "Pin it on." Comrade Hahn pins the badge upon the commander in chief.]

This is a beautiful token of respect that your aids-de-camp have paid to your commander in chief. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades of the encampment, my good friend here misled me yesterday. Somebody thoughtlessly made a remark about the commander's badge, and Comrade Hahn said, "The commander is not going to get any badge." Now, I am the more agreeably surprised.

But I certainly appreciate this beautiful gift, not only for its value but for the sentiment behind it, which will be more precious to me during the remainder of my life than any diamonds could be. Whenever I look on this badge I will know something and recall something of the faithful and honored and able service I have received through my administration from the chief of staff and his able corps of aids, together with other comrades throughout the country who have expressed themselves through this beautiful gift. I accept it in the spirit in which it is tendered and thank you and those behind you most heartily for it. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. Commander and comrades, a very pleasant duty has been delegated to me to perform, a duty ordinarily performed by a committee of the encampment, but which circumstances prevent their carrying out, and I am therefore present as a substitute for the first time in my life. [Applause.]

It has been the custom of the Grand Army of the Republic, honored in the observance, to pay some tribute of respect of a substantial character to a commander in chief who has performed the duties of his office to the satisfaction of his comrades, to bestow something upon him which would be a gentle reminder of the love, affection, and confidence in which he is held by his comrades of this great order.

In accordance with that custom the committee, acting under authority of the last encampment, have procured a testimonial for Past Commander in Chief Monfort, of Ohio. [Applause.] It is a testimonial of such a character that it could not well be brought into the encampment, and it is therefore evidenced by a written document. Comrade Monfort, it gives me great pleasure to give you this, emulating or following the old observances, the old customs, the old laws in the transfer of land, when title was passed by the delivery of a stick and a stone and a piece of turf from the property conveyed—emblems of possession.

And so to you I deliver this emblem of possession. The certificate it contains will impress upon you the esteem in which you are held by your comrades, their confidence in you, their approval of all of your acts as the head of this great order, and it is given to you with the earnest hope that in your declining years it will be a consolation to you, a joy to you, and a reminder to you that the hearts of 150,000 of your comrades, and their affection, are centered in this gift. Take it then with the best wishes and the heartfelt affection of your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

[Cries of "What is it?"]

There are two people who know. There is the one who presents it; the other who receives it. The giver will not disclose, and I beg of you not to ask the receiver to disclose. When he gets ready to dis-

close, he will do so in his own way and in his own manner. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. Comrade Beers and comrades, it is certainly very touching to receive a testimonial from the comradeship. I appreciate that much more than any intrinsic value that they could place upon it. I appreciate it because it is a testimonial. I tried in my humble way to serve the Grand Army of the Republic to the best of my ability. There are human weaknesses. There is no one perfect. But it has been a great pleasure to me, realizing what it means, what you stand for, and what our flag stands for; and to-day I do not think that anything could be done that touches me more deeply than a testimonial from my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am a comrade now with you, touching elbows, exhibiting or trying to exhibit in my daily life and conversation that fraternity which reaches out to help all who may need help.

This testimonial, if I understand it thoroughly, I will use to extend a helping hand to others—not alone to myself. It shall be my pleasure always to stand with my comrades to perpetuate all the magnificent underlying principles that they represent, and to maintain, as far as it is possible for human nature, all of the virtues which you profess and which our flag symbolizes.

I thank you very much for this; more for the testimonial than for any special character of testimonial. I thank you. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The senior vice commander in chief wants to offer a resolution of sympathy for Past Commander in Chief Rassieur in his present affliction.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD. Mr. Commander in Chief and comrades of the national encampment, you miss from your ranks to-day one who has been as prompt in his attendance and as brilliant in his ability as any comrade of this encampment could be. Word has been received that he has been bereaved of his beloved companion in life. Mrs. Rassieur has been in weak health. Injured in the great cyclone that occurred in St. Louis some 10 or 12 years ago, she had never fully recovered her health, and now fate has led the footsteps of our beloved comrade to her graveside. Their home life was a beautiful one. His bereavement is a great one, and I move, Commander in Chief, that a telegram be sent to Comrade Rassieur expressing the sympathy of this encampment at this present time to him in his great loss.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Is that seconded? [Several comrades seconded the motion.] It is moved and seconded that a telegram of sympathy be sent to Past Commander in Chief Rassieur in his present affliction. All in favor of that motion give their assent by saying aye. Contrary, no. It is so ordered. What is the next business? The chairman of the committee on resolutions desires that committee to meet immediately after the adjournment of this session of the encampment in the committee room on my right, so as to organize and be ready to proceed with the consideration of the various matters that will be laid before the committee. Any further business?

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. The committee on rules and regulations, consisting of Comrade Stewart, of Pennsylvania, Comrade Trimble, of Illinois, Comrade Monfort, of Ohio,

and Comrade Ketcham, of Indiana, are requested to meet at the left side of the platform immediately upon the adjournment of the encampment.

Comrade J. PAYSON BRADLEY, of Massachusetts. I have an announcement to make in regard to this evening's camp fire. One of the ceremonies of the evening will be the trooping of the colors, and we have got to depend upon the different departments and posts. Of course, near Boston we will get all of our own posts. I hope all the representatives of posts in and near Boston will send their colors to Mechanics Building, Huntington Avenue, the door at the right side of the main entrance. You will see the flag of the chief marshal displayed there, and I hope the posts near Boston will send their colors and color bearers in uniform. I would like to see the department colors of every department here present to-night in the trooping of the colors. This notice has been sent out, I am afraid, a little bit late:

Department commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic please have two or three stands of colors from your departments, with color bearers in uniform, report to the undersigned at Mechanics Building, Huntington Avenue, August 22, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking part in the trooping of the colors.

J. PAYSON BRADLEY,  
*In Charge of the Ceremony.*

That is, Mechanics Hall, on Huntington Avenue; not this hall.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Comrade Janes, chairman of the committee on reports of officers, desires Comrades Pilcher, of New York; Adams, of Ohio; Osborne, of California; and Battles, of New Hampshire, to meet him on this stage immediately upon the recess at noon.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. I understand that some of the members of the committee on resolutions did not understand where it is to meet nor when. That committee will please meet immediately on the adjournment, or when we take a recess for lunch, at the right of the stage here. We will only be in session just a little time. I would like to have you come promptly.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I am instructed by the ladies to say that the lunch will be ready at 12.30, and when we adjourn we ask the delegates to pass out of this door here, and there will be ladies at the entrance to furnish each one of you with a ticket. There is a hall below at the rear and another hall upstairs. There will be enough room for all.

Comrade A. C. SHAFFER, of Florida. I desire to offer a motion that we adjourn to meet again at 1.30 p. m.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You had better make the motion that we now adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Comrade SHAFFER. I accept that suggestion, and make it 2 o'clock. (The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn to reassemble at 2 o'clock. I want to say that 2 o'clock means 2 o'clock. I will be here to put the gavel down when 2 o'clock arrives, so I hope you will all be in your seats promptly at that time. As many as favor the motion will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

(Whereupon, at 12.20 p. m., the encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1917—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The encampment was called to order at 2.05 p. m. by Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson.

Comrade J. PAYSON BRADLEY, of Massachusetts. I have to announce that Hon. Joseph A. Conry, consul of the Republic of Russia, is at the outer door awaiting your orders.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are now, under the rule adopted this morning, about to admit the Russian consul. So when he is being ushered in here we will sing one verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. We await your orders.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Conduct the consul to the platform.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel, and as the Russian consul was escorted to the platform by the committee "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung, led by Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am very glad, indeed, on behalf of the 140,000 comrades whom we represent, scattered all over this country, to bid you welcome to this meeting. I will ask you to be seated for a moment. I will recognize Comrade Washington Gardner, of Michigan.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Commander in Chief, at this juncture of our proceedings I am directed by the committee on resolutions to present the following (reading):

Yours, very truly,

B. BAUHEMEYER.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Comrades of the New England States, information has come to our committee that some of the assistant adjutants general of the New England States are signing the railroad certificates for your return fare. I want to say to you that those papers with those names on are not worth a standing vote.

(Many comrades seconded the motion.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the resolution please rise to their feet. It is unanimous. We will be glad to hear from you, Mr. Conry. [Great applause and cheering.]

Hon. JOSEPH A. CONRY, consul of the Republic of Russia. Commander in chief and gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed with a sense of the deepest gratitude that I find myself standing before this sublime representative of the heroic manhood of America.

Ah, my friends, you who have participated in the great events which have culminated in the glory of this Republic know full well the story, but there is to us of a younger generation an inspiration which you who have participated therein can never feel. There was



not a man or a boy who stood on Tremont Street yesterday and saw that magnificent parade who could express other than the same feeling that he does when he worships his Creator. There was the feeling of respect, there was the feeling of admiration which the child has for the parent, and for every man who has within him a love of his native country there was the feeling that the country which was founded at Bunker Hill was preserved by those men who moved before us. And in addition to those men, there were the spirits of those countless hosts that had passed on before. Their spirit hath gone to that great unknown land, there to mingle with the heroic spirits that have fought the good fight in every generation since the cross was first lifted over the stable at Bethlehem down to Appomattox.

My friends, speaking to you in a comparatively humble capacity as a representative of that great Republic of Russia [applause] I thank you. My friends, countless public speakers have told in eloquent sentences the strength and the glory of this great Republic of ours; and yet there was a time when we were young and small and weak and struggling. Right here in this city of Boston in 1780, 137 years ago, Francis Dana lived, and was chosen to represent the Colonies then engaged in their struggle for liberty to go to Petrograd and represent the Colonies in order that he might secure, if possible, assistance, and if not assistance, at least a sympathetic support.

The country against which the Colonies were arrayed at that time had made overtures to the Government of Russia, had endeavored to purchase from Russia the support of 20,000 soldiers or 12 battleships that would be employed against the struggling Colonies. The Government of Russia refused to listen to the overtures of Great Britain, who contented itself with engaging, as you may remember, some Hessians when they were unable to get soldiers from Russia.

John Quincy Adams, our typical Bostonian, I am very sure had its good results some 45 or 50 years later, during that great struggle with which you are all so familiar, in which all of you participated with glory and distinction. At a time in the history of our country when it seemed as though we did not have a friend in the world, it was the Government of Russia that indicated to the people of the North that Russia would be with us to the end. [Applause.]

And so, my friends, like soldiers—soldiers who have a sense of appreciation and soldiers filled with gratitude for a soldierly act in time of war, you to-day assemble in your national convention, representative veterans from every State in the Republic, watching the great struggle of the young democracy to establish itself, to come unto its own as “a government of the people.” you send word of encouragement to the soldiers of Russia that “the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic wish you God-speed, wish you health and strength and success,” so that, in the language of Abraham Lincoln

"this government of the people, and by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." [Applause.]

I thank you, Commander in Chief. I thank you, gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic. The resolutions which you have adopted will be cabled to Kerensky [applause], and within 24 hours along the line of trenches from the Baltic Sea, from Riga, along the entire line to Odessa on the Black Sea, the word will be telegraphed to every soldier in the Russian Army that their comrades in America sympathize with them. [Great applause.]

The comrades in the encampment arose and sang "America," after which Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey, proposed three cheers for the Russian Army.

Three cheers were given by the comrades for the Russian Army and the Russian consul.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while Mr. Conry was escorted out by Past Commander in Chief Alfred B. Beers, the comrades singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

(On September 14 Commander in Chief Somers received the following reply to the resolution adopted by the encampment:)

RUSSIAN EMBASSY,  
*Washington, September 12, 1917.*

DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that I transmitted by cable to Russia the text of the resolutions adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its encampment in Boston on August 22 last, so as to enable the message of the champions of America's liberty to be spread amongst the Russian soldiers.

I am at present gratified to advise you that I am in possession of the following reply from the commander in chief of the Russian Army:

Yours, very truly,

B. BAUHMEYER.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Comrades of the New England States, information has come to our committee that some of the assistant adjutants general of the New England States are signing the railroad certificates for your return fare. I want to say to you that those papers with those names on are not worth a picayune. Every ticket for the New England Association must be stamped with the name of George A. Hosley, chairman of the committee on transportation of the executive committee of this encampment. Any comrades who have had their tickets stamped by their assistant adjutants general, or had their names written on them, are hereby notified that it will not hold or be accepted by the railroad authorities. There is a stand in the Hotel Vendome, right behind the door in the lobby, where either Comrade Hosley or his clerk will be at all hours to stamp your tickets. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. They can be stamped any time between now and the time you leave.

Comrade JAMES D. WALKER, of Pennsylvania. There are a great number of us who would like to know where the tickets for the western railroads are validated.

Comrade GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. At the depot on your return. All western tickets outside of the New England Trunk Association will be validated at the depot on your return and do not need to be stamped until the day you get ready to return.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Some one has lost a railroad ticket, which is now in my possession and will be returned to the owner upon application. I also have a Masonic charm, which the owner can secure by calling upon me.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I will say once more, the rest of you from all over the United States, when you get ready to leave, have only to go to the ticket office and have your tickets stamped. The comrades who live in New England are obliged to pay the full local fare when they come here, and they receive a certificate which, when signed by Comrade Hosley, entitles them to a reduction on the home fare, which gives them a 2-cents-a-mile rate for the round trip.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I want to congratulate you on the maintenance of good order this morning. If you continue this close attention to business, we will get nearly through this afternoon.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. Comrades, the information has just reached this hall that one of the old Army nurses was killed in the elevator of the Hotel Westminster a few moments ago. We did not get her name. (Mrs. Nannie M. Cochran, of Troy, N. Y.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Reports of committees. Are there any committees ready to report?

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH (reading):

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am very sorry to miss the Boston encampment, but my duties compel me to remain at home. We have a lot of discontented antidraft riffraff in Minnesota that are just now trying to make a lot of trouble, and it has become necessary for Americans to assert themselves and to convince these slackers that they are heading for a slipknot if their activities are continued. We are having loyalty meetings all over the State, and I am down for a number of speeches next week.

My grandson has been commissioned captain of the Artillery and may soon leave for France, so you can understand how strongly I feel on this pacifist business.

I inclose my report as chairman of the committee on the Gettysburg Peace Monument and will ask you to hand the same to Comrade John E. Gilman, the ranking member of the committee, with the request that he present the same to the encampment.

With my best wishes for a good encampment and a happy reunion, I am,  
Fraternally, yours,

ELL TORRANCE.

[Applause.]

Here is the report of the standing committee on Gettysburg Peace Monument [reading]:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GETTYSBURG PEACE MONUMENT.

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: The committee on the Gettysburg Peace Monument respectfully reports that no progress has been made during the past year toward



securing congressional legislation authorizing the erection of a peace monument on the Gettysburg battle field.

The war of nations that for the past three years has so tremendously affected and revolutionized social, economic, and political affairs of the world finally compelled the United States of America, in defense of her honor and of the cause of justice and humanity, to enter the conflict.

Until this conflict is settled in the establishment of a permanent world democracy, it was not deemed, in the opinion of your committee, in harmony with the spirit of true patriotism to urge upon the lawmakers of our country any expenditure of public moneys that could for the present be properly dispensed with, and for that reason your committee made no concerted effort to secure an appropriation from Congress for the erection of the monument.

It is not probable that an appropriation can be secured for some time to come, but it would not for that reason be wise to discontinue the committee.

With regret, the death of two members of the committee is announced—Elisha H. Rhodes, past senior vice commander in chief, and Charles H. McConnell, chief of staff to Commander in Chief Black. They were among the noblest and most worthy of our comrades.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

ELL TORRANCE, *Chairman.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there are no objections, the report of the committee will be received and filed. The committee on rules and regulations has a report to submit.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. Your committee, to whom was referred the propositions for amendments to the rules and regulations, report as follows:

Upon the first proposition, presented by the department of Florida, to create a rank to be known as "Detached members"—

We find that section 10, page 8, of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, covers all that is asked for by the proposed amendment, and we therefore report adversely and recommend that the application be denied.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Move that the action of the committee be ratified.

(The motion prevailed.)

Past Commander in Chief BEERS (continuing). On the amendment to the rules and regulations presented by the department of Delaware—

To amend Chapter II, Article V, section 3, by striking out the word "eight" in the first line and inserting the word "five." Strike out the word "five" in the fourth line and insert the word "three." Strike out all of the words after the word "quorum" in the fifth line and all the words in the sixth line.

All of which means, to amend that section so that in posts containing 50 or more members in good standing, a quorum shall be 5, and in posts of a less number, that the quorum shall be 3.

The committee, after consideration, respectfully report that the proposition should be rejected, and so recommend.

Comrade WILLIAM F. CONNER, of Texas. I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was duly seconded.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. As I understand this proposition, there are a great many posts—we have them in our department—with only 12 or 14 comrades. Now, it is difficult, out of the number of 14, to get 5 people to come and attend the meeting. If this amendment should prevail and three comrades came, there would be a regular meeting, and the history of the post would remain intact. Now, I can not understand why it would not be for the well-

being of the Grand Army of the Republic that these posts should be maintained in that manner. What difference will it make to us, if there are three comrades there, if those three are desirous of attending and conducting the business of that post? I think that a quorum of three should be a legal quorum and that they should be competent to transact the business of that post. Therefore I move that the action of the committee be not concurred in and that the amendment submitted be added to the rules and regulations.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I rise to a point of order. The motion is not proper upon the report of a committee until it is understood exactly what that report is. The basis of the suggestion of Comrade Cole, of New Jersey, was absolutely contrary to the purport, and, in fact, the plain language of the amendment submitted. His suggestion is that there are posts that contain 14 members. This amendment is that in posts of 50 the quorum shall be 5 and in posts between 25 and 50 it shall be 3. A post with 25 members can always get a quorum of 5 and a post with 50 members can always get more than 8.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The point is sustained. The motion is now upon the adoption of the report of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. Let me make this explanation. At the present time a quorum of 3 is all that is necessary for posts of less than 25 members.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. In view of what Comrade Beers says, I withdraw my motion. He did not make it clear before.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is now on the adoption of the report. All in favor of that motion will say "aye"; contrary, "no." The report is adopted.

Past Commander in Chief BEERS (continuing). Upon the amendment presented by the department of Delaware—

To amend Chapter III, Article I, section 2, by adding to the section the words "as long as there are three posts in the department in good standing, with not less than 10 members each."

The committee gave this careful consideration. They could see no reason for the adoption of any such amendment to the Rules and Regulations. There is no rule which now works the forfeiture of a charter as long as there are three posts in good standing, and such legislation would be entirely unnecessary. They recommend that it be rejected.

Comrade H. B. JEFFRIES, of Florida. I move the adoption of the report.

(The motion prevailed.)

Past Commander in Chief BEERS (continuing). Upon the proposition from the Department of New Jersey—

To amend Chapter III, Article II, paragraph 2, to read as follows: "All the post commanders and senior and junior vice post commanders for the time being throughout its jurisdiction." Strike out all the remainder of the paragraph.

Paragraph 2, Article II, Chapter III, reads as follows:

All the post commanders for the time being throughout its jurisdiction.

This is the representation in the department encampment. In the absence of the post commander the senior or junior vice commander may represent the post. The amendment, if adopted, would make the paragraph read as follows:

All the post commanders and senior and junior vice post commanders for the time being throughout its jurisdiction.

In other words, establishing the same rule in department encampments that obtains in the national encampments, that the senior and junior vice post officers shall be entitled to a vote in the encampment during the time that they hold that office. That is good for the encampment only.

The committee, after consideration, recommend that the amendment be adopted by the encampment.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the report of the committee was adopted.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. Commander in Chief, I rise to inquire whether the approval of a report of a committee in a case involving the amendment of the by-laws or rules of the encampment is sufficient to enact the new rule. And for fear that it is not, I move that the amendment proposed be adopted.

Past Commander in Chief BEERS. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion of Past Commander in Chief Trimble that, the action of the committee in this case having been approved, the encampment now adopt this amendment to the rules and regulations, these several amendments that have already been acted upon and approved. All in favor of the motion will give their assent my saying "aye." Contrary "no." Carried.

Past Commander in Chief BEERS (continuing). Upon the request of the Department of South Dakota—

To amend the rules and regulations so as to combine the offices of department inspector and assistant inspector general—

the committee report adversely. The department inspector is a department officer. The assistant inspector general is an officer who is appointed by the recommendation of the inspector general, who is a national officer. They are not compatible with each other, and it is deemed useless to adopt such legislation, and they therefore recommend that it be denied.

Upon motion, duly seconded, put by the commander in chief and carried, the report of the committee was adopted.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on the reports of officers other than the commander in chief's address is ready to report.

Comrade OSCAR A. JANES, of Michigan (reading):

BOSTON, MASS., August 22, 1917.

*To the officers and representatives of the fifty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

Your committee appointed on the reports of officers other than that of the commander in chief reports as follows:

We have carefully examined the reports of the senior vice commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, surgeon general, chaplain in chief, custodian, inspector general, patriotic instructor, chief of staff, and senior aid-de-camp, and wish to commend them for their zeal and activity in the duties of the office intrusted to them. The services rendered by each of them deserves the approval of this encampment.

The report of the adjutant general contains a summary of the work of the office and condition of the order which shows the careful and intelligent consideration given to the duties of the office, and he is entitled to the thanks and commendation of this encampment for "duties well done."

The report of the quartermaster general gives a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures during the year, which report has been audited by the executive committee of the council of administration.

The recommendation of the quartermaster general that the several departments make annual reports for the term ending December 31 of each year, instead of semiannually as now, your committee recommend be adopted by this encampment.

The quartermaster general is entitled to the thanks of this encampment for the very careful and businesslike methods exercised by him in the performance of the duties of his office and the completeness of his report.

The report of the judge advocate general shows but two cases submitted for his opinion during the year. Inasmuch as these opinions are in accordance with the decisions of prior encampments upon similar questions, we recommend that the report of the judge advocate general be adopted, and that the thanks of this encampment be extended to that official for services well performed.

(Signed)

O. A. JAMES,  
LEWIS S. PILCHER,  
JOHN M. ADAMS,  
HENRY Z. OSBORNE,  
*Committee.*

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. How can that be done?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on rules and regulations will report on the recommendation.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I was just about to remark, Commander in Chief, that the adoption of the report of the committee might be misunderstood as an adoption of the change or amendment of the by-laws, and that can not be managed that way. Past Commander in Chief Beers will, probably before the adjournment of this encampment, submit to the encampment, as he has informed the commander in chief, sufficient amendments to carry into effect that provision and the recommendation of the present commander in chief as well as the committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The proper thing will be to receive this report.

Past Commander in Chief TRIMBLE. I move an amendment to the motion made; that the report be approved, except as to the recommendation relating to the amendment of the rules and regulations.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I consent to that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, that the report of the committee on officers' reports be accepted, except that portion which relates to a change in the rules and regulations. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. I desire to read a telegram [reading]:

WHEELING, W. VA., August 21, 1917.

Gen. W. J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

The Rotary Club of Wheeling, in session assembled to-day, and having as its guests 30 newly commissioned officers, residents of this city prior to their entering upon duty detail, unanimously voice to you and the whole Grand Army of the Republic its respect and veneration, and expresses the confidence that the Army now entering the field in defense of liberty may perpetuate the memory of the glorious deeds of the fathers.

J. W. EWING, *President.*  
W. H. SMITH, *Secretary.*

[Applause.]



Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I move that the adjutant general make proper and adequate response to the telegram. (The motion prevailed.)

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Every comrade present and all the comrades over the United States are interested in the matter of the statue commemorating Gen. Grant, at Washington. There have been many years of delay. The committee on that consists of the Secretary of War, Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and our own beloved comrade, Bishop Fallows, of Illinois. The bishop is here, and I move you, sir, that he be given four minutes, by the watch, if you please, to tell us exactly what the condition is and what we may expect.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there are no objections, permission will be granted to Comrade Fallows to make the statement.

Comrade SAMUEL FALLOWS, of Illinois. Commander in Chief and comrades, 15 years ago the Congress of the United States ordered the erection of a monument to Gen. Grant. It is not yet finished. By the terms of the statute creating the commission, the president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, the Secretary of War, and the senatorial chairman of the Library Committee were the commission to erect the monument, no names mentioned, only the officers. As the president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, following our honored commander, Gen. Dodge, I am now, with the Secretary of War and Senator Williams, a member of that commission. Fifteen years have already elapsed. But the architect and the sculptor make this statement, that the monument when completed will be the most elaborate monument to any soldier in the United States. There are now 20 equestrian statues on a small scale, and 80 figures, which are included in its conception and erection, representing actually the men who were participants in the great battles of the Civil War. I have been with the Secretary of War and with the architect and with the sculptor, and he wants a year more at least for the completion of the monument. But when it is completed it will be the most elaborate monument in the whole country, and I thought it would be of interest to you to know just exactly what the state of affairs is. The sculptor told me that he has spent already out of his own pocket \$20,000 for which he will not be reimbursed by the Congress of the United States. I thought it would be of interest to you to know that it might be still nearly a year before we can meet in Washington to unveil that monument. Thank you, Commander in Chief. [Applause.]

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I ask for a little information from the committee on rules and regulations. I notice that section 2 of Article I, Chapter II, says: "No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as five members thereof demand its continuance." And section 3 of Article II, Chapter V, says, "Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than 10 members desire its continuance." Originally the section I read first was "ten." It was changed to "five," but the other section was allowed to stand as "ten." It is a confusion that seems to me ought to be harmonized, and the word "ten" in the last section that I read should be changed to "five" to harmonize with the other. It strikes me that that should be done.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I ask the chairman of the committee on rules and regulations to respond to this query.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. I will say, if the comrade will come to the platform, I will be glad to consult with him about it and be able to answer understandingly.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. I desire the officers of the departments of Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Washington and Alaska to report to me their member of the council of administration. West Virginia reported the member of the committee on resolutions, but not their member of the council of administration.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further business?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief, I move that this encampment adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Oh, no. The place of meeting of the next national encampment can now be selected.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I move you to suspend the rules and proceed to the election of officers of this encampment.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. If it is in order, I move that we now proceed to hear invitations for the 1918 encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is another motion we must dispose of first. A motion has been made by Comrade Coney, of Kansas, that we suspend the rules and proceed to the election of officers.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I desire to say that there are a great many of us who want to expedite business, and if we have no other business let us proceed to the election of officers. But if it is the desire to choose the place of the location for the next encampment, I will withdraw my motion.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move that we now receive invitations for the meeting of the encampment in 1918.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of now proceeding to receive nominations for the place of meeting next year will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered.

Comrade JAMES H. RILEY, of California and Nevada. I move you, sir, that the speeches naming places of meeting do not exceed five minutes.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the speeches placing places in nomination be limited to five minutes. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered. Commander Pittenger desires to make an announcement.

Comrade WILLIAM A. PITTENGER, department commander of Ohio. Just a word, comrades. A beautiful memorial to Comrade and President William McKinley at Niles, Ohio, will be dedicated on Friday, October 5, to which all the comrades of Ohio and neighboring States, and all over the country if they possibly can, are most cordially invited. Ritualistic services will be conducted by the department of Ohio, and we have the promise of ex-President Taft and President Wilson and the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the coming year if possible. You are cordially invited.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will call the roll to receive nominations for place of meeting.

Whereupon the roll of departments was called by the adjutant general without response until New Jersey was reached.

Comrade ENOS F. HANN, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief, I am here to extend an invitation for the national body to meet in Atlantic City in September, 1918. [Applause.] I hold in my hand here an invitation from Gov. Edge of the State, from the mayor and city commissioners of Atlantic City, from the Hotel Men's Association, from the chamber of commerce, and from the bureau of publicity guaranteeing to you just exactly what I tell you we will give you. We will furnish free headquarters for the national encampment and all departments and all allied organizations. We will house all the comrades who apply for free quarters in cottages—not in tents or halls—during the week of September 22. I hold a guaranty from the Hotel Men's Association, and the rates are less on the American plan than in other cities on the European plan. You who were there in 1910 know how you were entertained in Atlantic City. These guaranties cover everything the same as we gave you then. We trust that it may meet with your approval, and I will turn these over to the adjutant general.

(The several communications mentioned by Comrade Hann are as follows:)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 1, 1917.

*To the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in national encampment at Boston, Mass.*

COMRADES: We would like to obtain your 1918 national encampment for Atlantic City and trust that at the proper time and place you will take favorable action upon this our hearty invitation.

Our resort is an ideal convention city and its attractions are unsurpassed anywhere, while its hotel accommodations are practically unlimited, being the most modern and reasonable of any similar place in the world. Our railway facilities are the best in the United States, being only one hour's ride from Philadelphia and three from New York City. Transportation can be arranged for at as low rates as any point in the country. We would have no trouble whatever in taking the best of care of the delegates and others who attend your convention, and this bureau will give you all possible assistance desired without any expense to you for its services.

This bureau will provide for you at its own expense satisfactory meeting places for your business sessions, and the ocean piers afford unrivaled opportunities for large meetings.

This invitation is extended not only by the publicity bureau but also on behalf of the Atlantic City Hotel Men's Association and the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce.

This bureau will provide you schedules of guaranteed hotel rates from a large number of houses, of all grades and prices, to suit the purses of everyone, under contracts made between us, so that your attenders are protected and pleased in that respect.

We ask that on your part your attenders give preference to those houses listed under our contract, as these will bear a portion of the necessary expenses of the encampment.

Atlantic City entertained the national encampment in 1910 in a most successful and satisfactory manner, and this invitation and proposition are extended for the week of September 22, 1918, by reason of numerous requests from your officers and members who desire to return to our city.

Knowing by experience your requirements and sincerely desiring your presence next year we pledge ourselves to raise a sufficient sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the encampment and to arrange and work out all the necessary details of same, under the direction and with the approval of your officials, as in 1910.



Trusting you will select Atlantic City for your 1918 encampment, and guaranteeing you the fullest satisfaction as to all arrangements, I am,  
Sincerely, yours,

GEORGE S. LENHART,  
*Secretary-Director Atlantic City Publicity Bureau.*

*To the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in national encampment at Boston, Mass., August, 1917.*

COMRADES: Recalling the pleasant and successful national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Atlantic City in September, 1910, and learning that there is a desire on the part of many of you to return, we, the members of Joe Hooker Post, No. 32, Department of New Jersey Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 17, 1917, do most heartily and sincerely join in the invitations which will be presented to you to hold your national encampment at Atlantic City in September, 1918. We trust that you will accept these invitations and return next year. We pledge our assistance in making the national encampment a still greater success in 1918 if you will thus honor our post, our department, our city, and our State.

Yours, fraternally,

[SEAL.]

JOHN C. ALLEN,  
*Commander.*

E. F. HANZ,  
*Adjutant.*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
*Sea Girt, July 28, 1917.*

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
*Boston, Mass.*

SIRS: On behalf of Atlantic City and the State of New Jersey I wish to extend a most hearty invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its annual encampment in 1918 in Atlantic City. It is unnecessary for me to say anything to you of the many attractions and comforts of this beautiful pleasure city of the Jersey coast, as we recall your visit in 1910. I simply want to assure you of our earnest desire to again extend to your members our hospitality.

Very truly, yours,

WALTER E. EDGE, *Governor.*

ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION,  
*Atlantic City, N. J., July 28, 1917.*

*To the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Convention.*

GENTLEMEN: In 1910 the Grand Army of the Republic honored Atlantic City by holding their encampment here. Our recollection of the event is most delightful, hence we now extend to you greetings from Atlantic City. May your present encampment, in a year of special interest to you who have so gallantly borne the colors in the past, be a most memorable one.

Our heart goes out to you with a royal invitation to bring your encampment to Atlantic City in 1918. September is a glorious month at the seashore, and when your encampment comes the summer crowds will have departed, and we of this association, one and all, are in a position to give our exclusive attention to the entertaining of the members of your encampment. Our hotels are numerous and have rates to fit any and every purse. The old ocean smiles a welcome to all—the key of the city shall be yours. Will you come to us again?

With all sincerity and regards, we await your kindly response.

Yours, sincerely,

ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL MEN'S ASSOCIATION,  
W. F. HANSTEIN, *President.*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
GUARANTEE TRUST BUILDING,  
*Atlantic City, August 4, 1917.*

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,

*Grand Army of the Republic, Boston, Mass.*

DEAR SIRs AND COMRADES: In your consideration of a meeting place for the 1918 encampment, we hope that you will not lose sight of the many advantages in favor of "The National Resort"—Atlantic City. Having held your convention here before, it is unnecessary to tell you of the glories of the greatest pleasure city in the world, which is prepared, as no other can be, to meet the situation. You can depend upon receiving the heartiest cooperation of our citizens to add in every way to your comfort and pleasure while here.

On behalf of Atlantic City, we shall hope for your earnest consideration.

Very truly, yours,

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
S. P. LEEDS, *President.*

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
*Atlantic City, N. J., August 4, 1917.*

MR. GEORGE S. LENHART,

*Secretary-Director Atlantic City Publicity Bureau, Atlantic City, N. J.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed herewith please find copy of a resolution passed at a regular meeting of the board of commissioners, August 2, 1917, extending a hearty invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its national encampment in the city of Atlantic City in the month of September in the year 1918.

Yours, very truly,

JOSEPH A. MCNAMEE, *City Clerk.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,  
CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
*Atlantic City, N. J., August 3, 1917.*

DEAR SIR: The following is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the board of commissioners, held August 2, 1917, viz:

INVITATION EXTENDED TO G. A. R. TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY IN 1918.

Resolution by Mayor Bacharach:

Whereas the city of Atlantic City remembers with great pleasure the consideration given it in the year 1910 by being selected as the place for the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and recalls the joy and pleasure experienced in entertaining this great membership of heroes; and

Whereas the debt of gratitude which all citizens owe to this great and wonderful body of men can be expressed in no better way than in again welcoming and entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic at some future date; therefore be it

*Resolved* by the board of commissioners of Atlantic City that there be hereby extended a hearty invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its national encampment in the city of Atlantic City in the month of September in the year 1918, and that the Grand Army of the Republic is hereby assured that every step will be taken to thoroughly and warmly entertain the members of that organization and their families and friends.

Upon motion this resolution was adopted as read.

Attest:

[SEAL.]

JOSEPH A. MCNAMEE,  
*City Clerk.*

The calling of the roll was proceeded with by the adjutant general without response until the department of Oregon was reached.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Comrades, I hold here a cordial invitation from the governor of Oregon, the county commissioners of Multnomah County, the mayor and commissioners of Portland, the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, the Hotel Association of Oregon, from the Elks' Lodge of over 2,000 members, and from the Spanish War Camp of over 600 members, to hold your next encampment at Portland, Oreg. [Applause.]

Portland is accessible. The Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Burlington, the Union Pacific, and the Southern Pacific all run through trains into the depot at Portland. The railroad companies will give the usual 10, 30, 90 day, and 9 months, excursion tickets. (A COMRADE. What is the rate?) At a less rate than is ever allowed coming east. That has been the rule and is the rule. Of course I can not say just what it will be any more than my Atlantic City friends can; but they will be as low as can possibly be obtained.

Now then, I am not going to stand here and picture the beauties of Portland. It has the most delightful climate in America. You can hold your encampment between the middle of May and the 31st of October and you will never suffer from the heat.

If you come, we will guarantee a hall in which every comrade can be heard. [Applause.]

Now, as to the matter of sentiment. You have held 51 encampments. Of those one-third, 17, have been held within an 8 or 10 hour ride of the comrades of New Jersey, New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland. But in all the great Northwest, the departments of Washington, of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska, there has never been held a national encampment. True, you have held three in California, one in Utah, and two in Denver; but they have all been held in the Southwest.

I know that with the large delegations from the eastern departments you have the votes, and if you take into consideration simply your own self-interest you may prefer Atlantic City; but I ask you to bear in mind that the comrades of those eight departments in the Northwest constitute one-seventh of the voting force of the national encampment, one-twelfth of the membership of the entire Grand Army of the Republic, and that from 6,000 to 8,000 of those comrades have never had an opportunity of attending a national encampment.

Portland will entertain you and entertain you handsomely. I call upon you not only in the spirit of generosity, but I call upon you in the name of that comradeship that covers every old soldier, whether he lives upon the banks of the Columbia or the Snake, the Hudson or the Delaware. I call upon you in the name of that fraternity, boys, that unites us by the ties of field and of camp. I call upon you in the name of the thousands of comrades out there who never yet have been able to attend, and who will only be able to attend a national encampment when you, as I hope and pray you will, will unfurl your banners in the most beautiful city on the American continent—Portland, Oreg. [Applause.]

(Following are the communications referred to by Past Commander in Chief Burton in his remarks:)

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Salem, August 6, 1917.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,

*Grand Army of the Republic, Boston, Mass.*

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the State of Oregon I earnestly and cordially invite you to hold your next national encampment in Portland, Oreg.

Oregon, with its numerous scenic attractions, is admirably prepared to entertain its visitors and can offer you unexcelled inducements for holding your next convention in this State. We shall gladly place all of our means of diversion at your disposal should we be allowed the pleasure of entertaining you in 1918.

With the sincere hope that you will consider favorably the invitation of the State of Oregon, I am,  
Sincerely, yours,

JAMES WITHYCOMBE,  
*Governor of Oregon.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
*Portland, Oreg., August 7, 1917.*

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R.,  
*Boston, Mass.*

GENTLEMEN: Portland invites you to hold your next grand encampment here. Our Oregon contingent, of which we are justly proud, will explain to you in person and in detail what we have to offer in the way of receptions, entertainments, etc.

We are particularly anxious to have the Grand Army with us in 1918. Our city and State have been leaders in military and naval enlistments since the war broke out, and we have always taken a keen interest in everything patriotic. We feel there will be an opportunity to make the 1918 G. A. R. encampment a memorable event, possibly one of the most memorable you have ever held.

We appreciate that Grand Army meetings will be a thing of the past some day, and therefore we are anxious once more to give you a rousing celebration before it is too late. I assure you, as mayor of Portland, that you will find a city of willing hosts if you vote to join us for your 1918 session.

Sincerely, yours,

GEO. L. BAKER, *Mayor.*

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
*Portland, Oreg., August 6, 1917.*

J. G. CHAMBERS,  
*Department Commander, G. A. R.,  
Room 575, Court House Building, Portland, Oreg.*

SIR: I take pleasure in extending through you to the national organization of the G. A. R. a most cordial invitation to hold the annual encampment in Portland for the year 1918. I will not undertake to outline all of the advantages of Portland as a convention city. It is probably the most ideal place for a summer convention that may be found in the United States because of the cool climatic conditions and the scenic opportunities surrounding the city.

There are many hotel accommodations for such conventions as this, and the community as a whole would join hands to make it one of the most pleasant and profitable conventions ever held by the G. A. R. in the West.

Sincerely, yours,

W. D. B. DODSON,  
*Executive Secretary.*

THE OREGON STATE HOTEL ASSOCIATION,  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, PORTLAND HOTEL,  
*Portland, Oreg., August 10, 1917.*

*To the Officers and Members G. A. R. National Encampment, Boston, Mass.*

GENTLEMEN: The members of the Oregon State Hotelmen's Association extend their best wishes and hope the request of the Portland delegation will be granted and our city have the honor of welcoming you all in 1918.

We will not raise our rates, and we will do all we can to aid the G. A. R. committee to make the encampment a grand success.

Respectfully, yours,

R. W. CHILDS, *President.*

PORTLAND LODGE B. P. O. E: No. 142,  
*Portland, Oreg., August 8, 1917.*

*To the Grand Encampment G. A. R., Boston, Mass.:*

Portland will be proud to receive the veterans of the Grand Army in 1918.

There are ample facilities for caring for the visitors—hotels in plenty, a brand-new auditorium, and every convenience that a modern city can furnish.

We have a country that is worth coming across the continent to see. A trip through Switzerland is not a more magnificent one than a trip over the Colum-

bia Highway, which can be made in a few hours over perfectly paved roads. And the automobiles are there to take you over.

Every city in the Union is proud to do honor to the men who fought so gallantly in '61. Portland has never had the chance to do that honor. Give us a chance in 1918.

PAUL CHAMBERLIN,

*Exalted Ruler, Portland 142 B. P. O. Elks.*

The roll call was proceeded with and concluded, no other invitations being extended.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Call the roll for the vote. I will appoint as tellers Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey, and Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton, of Missouri.

The adjutant general called the roll of departments, with the following result, as shown by the tally sheets of the tellers:

Department.	Portland.	Atlantic City.
Alabama.....	3	.....
Arizona.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	9	.....
California and Nevada.....	33	.....
Colorado and Wyoming.....	10	.....
Connecticut.....	.....	16
Delaware.....	.....	20
Florida.....	6	.....
Georgia and South Carolina.....	.....	7
Idaho.....	5	.....
Illinois.....	24	2
Indiana.....	22	7
Iowa.....	12	3
Kansas.....	20	.....
Kentucky.....	3	.....
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	8	7
Maryland.....	3	8
Massachusetts.....	6	24
Michigan.....	12	10
Minnesota.....	14	.....
Missouri.....	20	.....
Montana.....	7	.....
Nebraska.....	12	.....
New Hampshire.....	6	5
New Jersey.....	.....	19
New Mexico.....	2	.....
New York.....	.....	64
North Dakota.....	7	.....
Ohio.....	21	20
Oklahoma.....	9	.....
Oregon.....	6	.....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	58
Potomac.....	3	10
Rhode Island.....	.....	17
South Dakota.....	13	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	4
Texas.....	5	1
Utah.....	.....	17
Vermont.....	.....	.....
Virginia and North Carolina.....	5	.....
Washington and Alaska.....	2	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	7
Wisconsin.....	19	.....



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The tellers are ready to report.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. This is a horse race. Atlantic City has 326, and Portland has 327. [Applause.]

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Because New Jersey has solidly supported Atlantic City, and because she is desirous that the will of the majority should rule, I move you that Portland be selected as the unanimous choice of this encampment.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved that Portland, Oreg., be made the unanimous choice as the location of the national encampment next year. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Portland, Oreg., is the place of meeting in 1918.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I raised the question a short time ago as to a slight amendment that ought to be made, in my judgment, to the rules and regulations. It is possible that my remarks may have reflected upon the committee on rules and regulations, that they had not considered all that they ought to have done. The matter that I called attention to was a matter that could not and did not come before the committee on rules and regulations.

Now, I desire to have the unanimous consent to a slight change in the rules and regulations, which I think can be done by unanimous consent and can not be done if anyone objects. I desire to state my position. It is simply this:

Originally, or a number of years ago, this section read:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as ten members thereof demand its continuance.

In another part of the rules and regulations you will find in section 3 of Article I, Chapter V—that read also in harmony with the other:

Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than ten members desire its continuance.

That was then in harmony. Afterwards, in the revision of the rules and regulations, in the first section that I read, the number was changed to five, and it reads now in the rules and regulations:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as five members thereof demand its continuance.

But in the revision the second was left to stand "ten," so now it is confusing in this, that this section that I read first in Article I, Chapter II, is:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as five members thereof demand its continuance.

while over in the other it reads:

Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than ten members desire its continuance.

That breeds confusion. For instance, in my department a post consisting of 15 members has disbanded when there were almost 10 members that desired its continuance. They refer to this, and this first section is not in harmony with it, and what are you going to do?

Now, I desire to make this motion, and I hope I will have the unanimous consent to have it done, that this second section which I read, which will be found on page 28 of the rules and regulations, Article I, Chapter V, section 3, the word "ten" shall be changed to "five" so as to be like the other.

The motion was duly seconded.

Comrade HENRY (continuing). If there are no objections that can be done. It did not come before the committee on rules and regulations, because it could not.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. The two rules are not at all inconsistent. A charter can not be surrendered so long as 5 members object. The other rule is where there are less than 10 it may be, but that could only be done by a majority vote, and where there are less than 10 and 5 voting no, you can not get a majority vote to save your soul. I make objection to tampering with the rules.

Comrade HENRY. May I ask the comrade this: If the comrades think that it is in harmony, why, I drop the whole matter, of course. But this section says:

Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than 10 members—  
Suppose there are 9 that want to retain the charter. Then the section over here says:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as 5—

Comrade W. W. SMITH, of Kansas. I desire to raise a question of order. This has been objected to. This is out of order.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I say where there are 9 and they want to get a majority to surrender, they have got to have 5.

Comrade HENRY. Oh, no. It says "less than 10."

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I rise to a point of order.

Comrade HENRY. Commander in Chief, as there is objection, I withdraw my request.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Commander in Chief, I have been trying to get the record correct, and I find something peculiar here. I have been endeavoring to get New Mexico to send a report to the adjutant general. I find that there are two votes cast for New Mexico. I want to see one of those comrades. I have no report from Oregon. I find, however, that Oregon voted six votes. I want Oregon's report for the council of administration and the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. While this matter is being investigated and settled, I move you that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers. It is just 4 o'clock. You know what unanimous sentiment there is in this encampment, and we can get through with it in a very few minutes. I make that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We can not do that without suspension of the rules.

Past Commander in Chief TANNER. Then I move that we suspend the rules.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any objection to suspending the rules for the purpose of nominating and electing officers for the ensuing term?

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. I simply desire to call the attention of the encampment to the fact that this rule was made for the purpose of preserving the attendance of the representatives upon the proceedings of this encampment until all of the business of the encampment had been transacted. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Commander in Chief, that is all right, but we want to get away for the automobile ride to-



morrow afternoon. To-morrow morning we will have a session and clean up the balance of the business. I would not make the motion if I did not know how unanimous the sentiment of the encampment is. But here it is only 4 o'clock, and why not use this time and save time for to-morrow? I hope the judge won't object.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I second that motion.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. I understand, Commander in Chief, that we are here as the representatives of a great organization to do our duty [applause] and not to take an automobile ride to-morrow afternoon in a hurry. [Applause.] So I object to the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Objection is made. Any other business?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Yesterday in the line of parade the boys proceeded to A Long Way to Tipperary. Now, the old delegates are going to Portland, Oreg., next year, and they will find it a long way to Portland, Oreg. Now, we notice by the address of the commander in chief that he made a great effort before the Trunk Line Association of Railroads to have reduced rates to this city. He was unsuccessful. Now, inasmuch as the Interstate Commerce Commission has charge of the railroads in establishing rates or confirming rates, I move that the committee on legislation get in touch with the Interstate Commerce Commission in reference to rates to Portland, Oreg., for our 1918 encampment.

Comrade C. H. W. RUCHE, of Pennsylvania. There is a resolution covering this whole matter.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I was just going to suggest that. This matter is before the committee on resolutions and will be reported upon here. Two years' correspondence with the Interstate Commerce Commission upon this very question goes before the committee on resolutions and they will report to this encampment.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. My motion was that the committee on legislation get in touch with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let that come later.

Comrade Hambright then withdrew his motion.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I move you, sir, that when this encampment adjourns, the adjournment shall be to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that the election of officers shall be the special order for that hour.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Trimble, of Illinois, moves that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, at which time the special order of business be the nomination and election of officers.

Past Commander in Chief TRIMBLE. Before that motion is put, with your permission I desire at the suggestion of Comrade Ketcham, on his own behalf and that of other members of this encampment, that the hour at which we meet to-morrow morning shall be 9.30, because some of the members upon committees have other duties that they must perform at 9 o'clock and they want to be here when the nomination and election of officers shall proceed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection Comrade Trimble will be allowed to amend his motion and make the hour 9.30 in place of 9 o'clock.

Past Commander in Chief TRIMBLE. I think we will gain time in which to be prepared for what we do when we do meet, and that all our membership will be here, particularly in this very important part of the business of this encampment. A half an hour is not very long, and we can close up the business of this encampment before 12 o'clock to-morrow if we meet at 9.30, under the direction of our most excellent presiding officer. [Applause.]

Comrade C. A. B. FOX, of South Dakota. I want to second that motion, for I do not believe, comrades, that it is right to assign a comrade on a committee and then debar him from taking part in the most important part of our business. We should meet at 9.30 and give all a chance to be present.

Comrade GEORGE A. NEWMAN, of Iowa. No one objects to the hour, but we do object to electing our officers until our business is completed. It is an imposition to the men that we elect to office to go through with the form of an election and then go through our business and leave half a dozen men here, as it has happened time and again—not over a dozen to install them into office. Our rule is a good one that we have, and let's stand by it and finish our business before we elect our officers.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Commander in Chief, I want to support the thought presented by the comrade from Iowa. The vote is now pending. Suspension of the rules will require a two-thirds vote. Do we want to do that? The rules require the election of officers after all the business of the encampment has been transacted. If this motion prevails, you leave all other business to-morrow until after you elect the officers. You have appointed a committee on resolutions representing every department in this encampment. Every department is interested in the report of that committee. You say by this motion, "We will set aside the rules and regulations; we will put off the report of the committee; we will elect officers and then do as we are a mind to after that." Comrades, we are here to do the business of the encampment, and the business of the encampment is to elect the officers after we have finished the other business. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. Commander in Chief, I submit that the suggestions of Past Commander in Chief Gardner are absolutely correct, and I withdraw that part of the motion that the special order at the meeting of this encampment to-morrow morning at 9.30 shall be the election of officers. Let us elect our officers in accordance with our rules and regulations, after the rest of the business has been transacted. The motion now stands that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 9.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. All in favor of the motion will say "aye." Contrary "no." Carried. What is the next business?

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. There being no further business, I move that the encampment now adjourn.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Before the motion is put I would like to remind the committee on resolutions that we will meet immediately on adjournment in the room at the right of the stage. I hope every member of the committee will be present.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. Before we adjourn I would like to ask the committee on rules and regulations to meet on the platform immediately upon the adjournment of the encampment.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. To-morrow noon there will be a complimentary lunch just as there was to-day. At the conclusion of the dinner, if the business of the encampment is finished, there will be automobiles to take the members of the encampment to Lexington and Concord.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of adjourning will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

(Whereupon, at 4.12 p. m. the encampment stood adjourned until 9.30 o'clock Thursday morning.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1917—MORNING SESSION.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (9.30 a. m). The encampment will please be in order. We will open the proceedings with a short invocation by the chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief O. S. REED, Pueblo, Colo. Our Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessings upon this organization, upon the labors upon which they are about to enter this day. Be Thou with them in all of the sessions they may hold. In going home and in their home life support, sustain, comfort, and care for them as Thou hast done in times past, until the end, when may we all appear before Thee, the Supreme Commander of the universe. We pray through Christ's name. Amen.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Please remain standing while we sing America.

The encampment sang America, being led by Comrade J. W. Hank, chorister of the department of Ohio.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on the address of the commander in chief is ready to report. Comrade Trimble will make the report.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief William H. Wormstead took the chair.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. Comrades, I am requested by this committee, although the junior member of it, to present to this encampment their report. It covers the address of the commander in chief, except in so far as it relates to an amendment to our rules and regulations which was yesterday referred to the committee on rules and regulations. (Reading:)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS AND THE CHANDLER CASE.

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the commander in chief would respectfully report that the sentiments therein expressed meet with the hearty approval of your committee and, we doubt not, of every member of this encampment. We most heartily commend his zeal and effective services as our commander in chief. He has endeared himself to every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we welcome him back to the ranks, fully assured that in the future, as in the past, his steps will be timed to the music of the patriotic principles, motives, and purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union of these States, and the glory of our Nation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SO-CALLED APPEAL IN THE CHANDLER CASE.

Your committee to whom was referred the so-called appeal of William C. Chandler from the decision of Commander in Chief Palmer would respectfully report that we have examined with great care the papers and documents submitted to us in that case, which, we presume, are all the papers and documents on file in relation thereto.

It unquestionably appears that William C. Chandler was regularly elected and mustered into R. N. Hood Post, No. 28, G. A. R., Department of Tennessee at Knoxville, in the year 1902; that he was subsequently transferred to another post in the same department, and that he served one year as junior vice commander of the latter post; that at the encampment of the Department of Tennessee, in 1914, he was elected and installed as senior vice department commander; that in December, 1914, Department Commander Thompson died, and

the said Chandler, as the senior vice, became the department commander, and was acting as such; that on December 19, 1914, and at divers and sundry times shortly thereafter certain of the past department commanders of the Department of Tennessee wrote to the then commander in chief, Comrade David J. Palmer, to the effect that he had never been mustered into nor discharged, either honorably or otherwise, from service in the Army of the Union, and demanding of the commander in chief the removal of said William C. Chandler from the commandership of that department, and also from membership in the Grand Army of the Republic; that after divers and sundry correspondence and the report of a committee appointed by the commander in chief to investigate the alleged charges of ineligibility the then commander in chief, by special order, required the Department of Tennessee and the post of which said Chandler was a member to remove said Chandler from office as commander of the department, and to exclude him from membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. In the meantime, however, the said Chandler resigned as department commander; and the only question now involved is as to the membership of the said Chandler in the Grand Army of the Republic. Thereupon an appeal was attempted to be taken from the action of Commander in Chief Palmer.

We find on file the opinion of Comrade White, judge advocate general during the administration of Commander in Chief Palmer, to the effect that the action taken by the commander in chief was without jurisdiction or authority under our rules and regulations. While we find on file quite a number of letters and statements to the effect that the said Chandler had admitted to the writers and makers thereof that he was ineligible, still we have been unable to find any admission to any such effect by Chandler himself; and we also submit that there is nothing whatever in the papers and documents submitted to us that Chandler has ever had a hearing in any proper proceeding or before any proper tribunal upon the question of his eligibility to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

We further find that Judge Advocate General White, in his opinion, clearly pointed out the method of procedure to the effect that the charges formulated in the letters and statements made by the past commanders of the Department of Tennessee should have been indorsed by the commander in chief that he was without jurisdiction and forwarded to the commander of the Department of Tennessee for such action in the post as is required by our rules and regulations.

We therefore recommend that the various letters on file received from past department commanders and from any other comrade of the Department of Tennessee charging that the said William C. Chandler is ineligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic should be indorsed by the incoming commander in chief under the direction of this encampment to the same effect as recommended by Judge Advocate General White and forwarded to the department commander of Tennessee for such action as that department or said post may elect to take in the premises; and that in the meantime the said William C. Chandler is entitled to be recognized as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TANNER,  
C. G. BURTON,  
H. M. TRIMBLE,  
*Committee.*

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Comrades, the report of the committee on the address of the commander in chief is before you. What disposition will you make of it?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move that the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the report be received and the recommendations adopted. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion please manifest it by saying "aye." Contrary minded, "no." The ayes have it.

(The Commander in Chief resumed the chair.)



Comrade JAMES D. WALKER, of Pennsylvania. We are unable to hear, owing to the noise behind us.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes; the comrades in the rear will please come forward and occupy the vacant seats so that all can hear. I appreciate very much the assistance I received yesterday in maintaining order. While we have order we can proceed twice as rapidly as when there is confusion, and far more satisfactorily. I hope the comrades will remain quiet while the chairman of the committee on resolutions, Comrade Washington Gardner, presents his report. Comrade Gardner.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Commander in Chief and comrades, the committee on resolutions had under advisement various and sundry matters committed to them, and beg leave to report:

First, a resolution asking Congress to effect legislation to bring the remains of all United States soldiers and sailors who die abroad to the United States.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee, and it is moved that their report be adopted. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

The resolution was as follows:

*Resolved*, That we urge upon Congress the enactment of such legislation as will authorize the return to the United States for final rest of the remains of all United States soldiers and sailors who die abroad, that they may rest beneath the flag for which they gave their lives, and not under the flag of their enemy.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. In order to save time, if there is no objection, I move that the report of the committee be adopted without motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All right. If there is no objection the report of the committee will stand approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER (continuing). A resolution thanking President Wilson for allowing the veterans in service to attend this encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, the report of the committee is adopted.

A COMRADE. I think Comrade Gardner omitted mention of the principal part of that order. The order of President Wilson was that they be allowed sufficient time to attend the encampment, with pay continued.

The resolution was as follows:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the national encampment are due, and hereby extended, to Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, for his Executive order granting leave of absence with pay to all veterans in the employ of the Government to attend the meeting of the national encampment.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This resolution was adopted by the committee. It asks the Government to pay the pension monthly instead of quarterly. It came before the committee and was attended with very considerable discussion, but when finally adopted, after hearing the arguments pro and con, a very clear majority voted in favor of having pensions paid monthly, and to the sense of the encampment I move that the report of the committee be adopted.



Comrade C. E. NASON, of Maine. I move that the report be laid on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion to lay on the table will be put first. The question is on laying this motion on the table. As a matter of information it is asked by Comrade Hahn, of Ohio, that the resolution be read.

Comrade T. H. GRISHAM, of Kansas. A motion to lay on the table is in no sense debatable.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is not debatable. Proceed to read this for the information of the encampment.

Whereupon Past Commander in Chief Gardner read the resolution, as follows:

*Resolved,*

Whereas the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War have been receiving their pensions from the Government in quarterly payments; and

Whereas this is to them a very great inconvenience, for the reason that they are in so very many cases compelled to ask credit, and because of that fact are therefore compelled so many times to pay higher prices than if they could pay cash for their necessities; and

Whereas all departments of our Government are paid monthly;

We therefore ask our Congress and Senate to pass a bill that will enable these worthy pensioners of our Government to receive their pensions in monthly payments, instead of quarterly, as heretofore, and by this means enable them to do so much better and at the same time avoid the unpleasant necessity of asking credit until the quarter becomes due.

(That the majority of the committee approves.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If you lay this on the table, that ends it. All in favor of laying this resolution and the report of the committee thereon on the table will say "aye." Contrary, "no." The noes have it, and the motion to lay on the table is lost.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. Commander in Chief, I feel that the comrades are entitled to know some of the reasons that impelled the committee to make the report which they did. It was alleged that business men generally pay their help once a week, and corporations largely. The men who toil and earn the support of their families in that way get their money frequently and promptly, and have the benefit in trading with the cash in hand. That the railroads pay semimonthly their employees; that many comrades are compelled to carry over their bills for three months, to their disadvantage. Another thing. It was alleged, incident after incident—and I have this in my own mind—24 hours after a comrade died, with the 90 days' pension due him, his wife could not get a dollar. [Applause.] The widow wrote me: "Can anything be done?" Now, we are dying 3,000 every month, in round numbers. Many wives are being deprived of what has accrued to them through the husband's claim as a pensioner in the 90 days preceding. This would give a lapse of one month in case of death. These are some of the reasons. It was alleged that the Government—perhaps I may be allowed to say; if the Pension Commissioner is here, he can correct me if I am wrong—it was reported that the Pension Commissioner said that this can be done. The Congressmen of the United States, the Senators of the United States, the judges of the United States, the clerks of the United States—everybody on the pay roll of the United States, except the veterans of the Civil War, are paid every month, and it is believed that no harm will come and much good will result if we are paid once a month. I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade C. E. NASON, of Maine. It seems to me that the veterans of the Civil War should show an act of gratitude to this great country by hesitating to pass that resolution. [Cries of "No."]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This comrade has the floor.

Comrade NASON. It seems to me that the time has come when the Grand Army of the Republic should refuse to dictate or even recommend to our Congressmen anything relating to pensions. If this should pass and the Congressmen should succeed in getting a law to that effect, it means a great expense to the department. And I want to say to the comrades, God knows the pension is paid up to the day of the death of the pensioner. [Cries of "No."] I know it, and I say if the Commissioner of Pensions is in this hall to-day he will sustain that. I know of an incident within the past 90 days. It is nothing we have a right to. It is a charity. [Cries of "No."] The Grand Army of the Republic to-day, after all the generosity that has been shown us by this Government, should not ask any change in the laws.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the report of the committee, which adopts this resolution, say "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it. I desire to interrupt the report of the committee on resolutions long enough to recognize Comrade Adams, of Nebraska.

Comrade C. E. ADAMS, of Nebraska. I want your undivided attention for a moment. I hold in my hand what will reach the heart of every comrade present, and it is as follows:

*Resolved*, That this encampment extend our sincere love and sympathy to Past Commander in Chief John E. Gilman, whose right arm rests upon the Battlefield of Gettysburg and whose left arm is entwined in the hearts of all of our comrades.

I move you the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is another on the same subject, and we will have them both acted upon at the same time.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. I have just learned that J. Kent Hamilton, of Toledo, Ohio, past senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is nigh unto the point of death at Mount Clemens, Mich. I move that the adjutant general be instructed to immediately send to him a telegram conveying unto him the love and sympathy of this encampment, with the hope for his speedy recovery.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now, we will adopt both of these resolutions by a rising vote. All in favor please rise. It is unanimous. The committee on resolutions will proceed.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. It will be necessary to make a preliminary statement that this may be understood. All comrades know that we have a very large and a very important National Cemetery at Arlington, on the outskirts of Washington. The placing of the monuments there has been until recently under the direction of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army. Influence has been brought to bear whereby the President is reported to have appointed the Fine Arts Committee of the City of Washington to determine as to the monuments to be placed over certain veterans buried there—standard monuments for major generals, brigadier generals, and officers of lesser grade. Now, the monuments vary according to the taste and desire of the individuals

who care most for those who are deceased. This would make all monuments of certain grades, for officers and others, alike within that grade. Your committee believes that the matter should be left as hitherto, in the hands of the Quartermaster General, and so report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee. If there is no objection, it will stand approved as read. The report is approved.

(Following is the resolution:)

Whereas the public press states the President has directed that hereafter all memorials to be erected in the Arlington Cemetery must first be submitted to and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, and the President has further directed that the dimensions of any memorial shall in no case exceed the following, viz:

For officers above the rank of brigadier general, 7 feet in length,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in width, and 5 feet in height.

For an officer between the grades of major and brigadier general, 7 feet in length, 4 feet in width, and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in height.

For an officer below the rank of major, 7 feet in length,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet in width, and 4 feet in height.

For enlisted men, 6 feet in length, 3 feet in width, and 3 feet in height; and

Whereas it is believed by the Grand Army of the Republic that such prescriptions and limitations are unwelcome to the members of the organization and their families, and if adhered to will mar the beauty of this sacred resting place of the dead by the resulting monotony and inartistic effect of requiring each memorial to be practically of the same length, breadth, and height: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the fifty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in the city of Boston on the 23d day of August, 1917,* That it regrets the action of the President, as set forth in the foregoing preamble, and respectfully requests that such orders may be rescinded, and that the supervision of the character of such memorials be placed in the hands of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army. And be it further

*Resolved,* That a certified copy of these resolutions be presented to the President by the commander in chief at an early date.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. I hold in my hands a number of papers, all relating to pensions, and I am authorized to report that they be referred to the committee on legislation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee will stand approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This raises a question of the citizenship of aliens who serve or may serve hereafter in the United States Army; that all aliens who serve in the Army or Navy of the United States shall be deemed citizens thereof on making application to the proper authorities. In other words, a man who serves in the United States Army of course with an honorable record, after service, if he makes application for citizenship, it shall be granted. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee shall stand, if there is no objection.

The resolution was as follows:

*Resolved,* That the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully and most earnestly requests the Congress of the United States for an enactment under which aliens who, as members of the American Army and Navy serve in any war, shall, because of that service, become citizens, with all that the term implies, of the United States.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. That is the law right now.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. It was reported to the contrary in the committee, hence, to cover any possibility, the report was adopted. This paper refers to making the last Sunday in June Memorial Day, and asking Congress to legislate to that effect. Your committee reports indefinite postponement.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee stands approved if there is no objection. The report of the committee is approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This resolution offers the services of the Grand Army of the Republic in various forms during the war. It is respectfully postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee is approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This resolution asks for legislation that the Grand Army of the Republic may receive more favorable treatment from the railroads. Referred to the committee on legislation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee will stand approved, no objections being made. It is approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This asks that Washington be made the place for all future encampments. Indefinitely postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee is approved.

Comrade E. P. SEARLE, of Ohio. I expect to see the day when we go to Washington as a permanent place for our encampments. The Capital of the great United States, which we saved from destruction, is the most fitting and proper place to close the G. A. R. encampments, that it may be an object lesson to all of the generations which may follow.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. These papers refer to the appointment of a committee to investigate and submit a report to this encampment a year from now, the committee being appointed by the Commander in Chief, covering the questions of the decoration of the graves of our comrades in the South, raising the money for the expense, and the proper method of procedure. It is understood that we are fading out rapidly in the South. It is a live question there among our comrades. They ask that the matter receive careful consideration. Your committee so recommends.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee will stand approved unless there is objection. It is approved.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas 300,000 of our dead comrades lie buried in the national cemeteries in the South, to wit—

In Virginia: At Alexandria, Arlington, Balls Bluff, City Point, Cold Harbor, Danville, Fort Harrison, Fredericksburg, Culpeper, Glendale, Hampton, Poplar Grove, Seven Pines, Staunton, Winchester, and Yorktown.

In North Carolina: Salisbury and Wilmington.

In South Carolina: Beaufort, Florence, and Newbern.

In Georgia: Andersonville and Marietta.

In Florida: Barrancas.

In Alabama: Mobile.

In Mississippi: Corinth, Natchez, and Vicksburg.

In Louisiana: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, and Chalmette.

In Texas: Brownsville and San Antonio.

In Maryland: Annapolis, Antietam, and Loudon Park.



In Tennessee: Chattanooga, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Stone River.

In District of Columbia: At Battle Ground.

In Kentucky: Camp Nelson, Cave Hill, Danville, Lebanon, Lexington, and Mill Hill.

In Arkansas: Fayetteville, Little Rock, and Fort Smith.

In Missouri: Springfield, Jefferson Barracks, and Jefferson City.

In West Virginia: Grafton.

In Mexico: Mexico City.

and the decoration of their graves and the proper observance of Memorial Day is a burden too great to be borne by the small and widely scattered membership of the southern departments:

*Resolved*, First, that their care belongs to the Nation, whose duty it is to see that the objects for which they fought and died be preserved.

Second. That the Grand Army of the Republic owes to the memories of those of our comrades who gave their lives for the flag that once a year not only a flag be placed at their headstones in honor and love and due observance of the day be held sacred to them, to the extreme limit of our ability.

Third. That it is the sense of this encampment that a committee of seven members of this order be appointed by the commander-in-Chief, to be known as the national Memorial Day committee, to devise ways and means, to take such steps as they may deem best to provide funds necessary, and make proper distribution of same, to the end that the graves may be properly cared for without so great a tax on the southern departments, who have heretofore taken it upon themselves to carry forward this patriotic work. That we pledge them our aid and support and through them call on patriotic men and women and organizations for the means necessary.

Trusting some patriotic organization will soon take up this work, realizing that the Grand Army can not carry on the work but a few years.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. The committee was requested to present this resolution with reference to blind comrades. It was adopted by the last encampment and was before Congress, but, as stated, all bills die with the Congress. The committee on legislation already, I might say, has a bill prepared to submit in December when the Congress convenes covering this matter; but the committee recommends, to cover any possible contingency, the adoption of the report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, it will stand approved. I hear no objection, and the report is approved.

(Following is the resolution:)

Whereas the Sixty-fourth Congress having failed to act on the bill in aid of our blind comrades: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm the action of the Forty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and direct the incoming commander in chief to have the same measure introduced at the regular session of Congress early in December and use all honorable efforts to have the respective pension committees of the Senate and House report favorably on the same, that our needy and worthy comrades may have relief that will enable them to pass their few remaining years with some degree of comfort: And be it

*Further resolved*, That we solicit the aid of our allied patriotic associations in support of this measure; and the incoming adjutant general is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution, together with the action of the forty-ninth encampment, as printed on page 122 of the journal, to the presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, and the commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, asking them to write the various Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of the bill to aid blind veterans.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This resolution was presented to the committee and its adoption would limit badges to those who attend the national encampment. The resolution was rejected by the committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee. If there are no objections, it will stand approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. I am requested to read this, Mr. Commander in Chief [reading]:

Whereas the present war has demonstrated anew that the soldier is as necessary for the safety of the State in the present as he has always been in the past and has also proved that our Government can not furnish an army within a reasonable length of time; and

Whereas military training is beneficial for both the individual and the State, making the one a better man and giving better service to the other: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Congress should enact a law without delay that will call for universal military training for every male inhabitant between the ages of 16 and 45 that may be found fit for service, thereby providing a reserve that will furnish an army without loss of time or waste of money and insure the future peace, safety, and honor of our country.

Your committee recommend indefinite postponement.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the report of the committee. If there is no objection, it will stand approved.

Comrade CHARLES BURROWS, of New Jersey. It seems to me that this should be acted upon in this encampment. Senator Chamberlain has a bill to this effect before Congress now. He wants all the support he can have, and, for Heaven's sake, we know that something of this kind is necessary for the future of this country.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has already been approved; the report of the committee has been approved.

Comrade BURROWS. Indefinitely postponed, I thought.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. There was a paper presented asking that the soldiers shall be known as "U. S."—that is, those that go abroad—and that the President shall put down the I. W. W. The resolution is postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee is approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. The author or authors of this paper seemed to think it was necessary for the Grand Army of the Republic to declare their loyalty in the present stress and times. The committee recommend indefinite postponement.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee stands approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This goes a step farther, pledging the G. A. R. to the same thing. Your committee recommend its postponement.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee stands approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. The papers in this envelope refer to the mode of procedure relative to the granting of pensions to widows. It was voted to refer this to the committee on legislation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is so referred, if there is no objection.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. Here is a lengthy paper by some one who wants to locate the Flag on the badge. The secretary reports that it is not legible or easy to read, and therefore it is indefinitely postponed for that and other reasons.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report of the committee is approved.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. The gist of this paper is that the Government retire Union soldiers who are employees of the Gov-



ernment with additional pay. The matter was recommended indefinitely postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is so postponed upon recommendation of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This paper asks the equal recognition of the Ladies of the G. A. R. with the W. R. C. The matter was recommended indefinitely postponed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is so postponed.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. This matter came up for consideration in the committee, which is:

If the Commander in Chief finds that the railroad rates to Portland, Oreg., are unreasonable, he, with the consent of the executive committee, may change the location of the next encampment.

The committee so recommend.

Comrade J. H. NORTON, of Oklahoma. I move you that the words "executive committee" be stricken out and that "council of administration" be inserted therefor. The reason I make this amendment is this: We do not know who the executive committee will be. They may be all in the East. Their interest may be in the East, and for some frivolous excuse they may change the unanimous vote of this encampment as given yesterday and bring that encampment to the East. The council of administration are scattered all over the land. There is one member in every State in the Nation, and for that reason it should be left to the council of administration and not to the executive committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is that motion seconded?

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I second the motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I wish to state the matter came before the committee on resolutions, whether we should submit the question to the executive committee or to the entire council of administration. We thought it inadvisable, in view of the great expense which would attend a calling of a meeting of the council of administration. It is true, it was said, it could be taken by mail. That is a very unsatisfactory manner of taking up a question of this kind. The committee on resolutions, by a very large majority, concluded that this executive committee, which would be appointed by the commander in chief, and which is composed of himself, the senior vice commander, the quartermaster, the adjutant general, and seven members of the council of administration, are competent and worthy to represent the Grand Army of the Republic; and I believe that if that executive committee should conclude that the railroad rates to Oregon are so unreasonable, and can be made much fairer to some other location, they can be trusted to change the encampment.

Comrade J. G. CHAMBERS, of Oregon. If that resolution prevails and this matter is thrown into the hands of that committee, they could just as well declare void the location of an encampment by this body. That is an action that ought not to be tampered with now. The question is settled, and for us to transmit a settled question to the hands of a committee seems to me would be outside of the pale of our duty.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Comrades, there is a slight suspicion that I had something to do with the location of

the next national encampment. I have faith in my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who will be selected as the executive committee. I do not apprehend that any comrade who otherwise might have desired the national encampment to be held in the East would take advantage of that resolution to nullify the expressed wish of the comrades in this encampment. A suggestion—if the railroads shall make an unreasonable rate to Portland, the rate from Portland here will be equally unreasonable.

Comrade M. B. YOUNG, of Texas. I want to say, comrades, that when you go to talking about the encampment going any place and the expense attached to it—I have been to 14 or 15 encampments. My trip to this encampment cost me \$125, and I have never gone to an encampment in the last 14 years that I got out short of a hundred dollars at the very least calculation. Those comrades out there have just as much right to have an encampment held in their section for once in their life as any other department; and this thing of talking about the rate taking the encampment away from any place that we may settle on is unjust and unreasonable. I expect to go to encampments just as long as I live and am able to go and can raise the money. I spend it cheerfully, and I want to see the encampment go where we decide it should go—to the comrades in the West.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. I think the comrades will nearly all understand that the motion pending has been adopted in substance at nearly every national encampment. It is simply to safeguard ourselves.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. And the regulations provide for exactly that thing.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. In order to get the best possible rates to Portland from the railroads I move the adoption of the report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it. The motion is adopted.

Comrade J. H. NORTON, of Oklahoma. There was a motion here to strike out and amend. You never gave us a chance to vote on the amendment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This report was amended to substitute the council of administration for the executive committee. Is that right?

Comrade NORTON. To strike out the executive committee and place therefor the council of administration and the commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You substitute the council of administration for the executive committee?

Comrade NORTON. For the executive committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on this amendment. All in favor of its adoption will say "aye." Contrary, "no." The amendment is lost. Now, the motion is on the original report of the committee. I will put it again. All in favor of adopting the report of the committee, which you understand, will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

Past Commander in Chief GARDNER. I hold in my hand a paper here, unsigned, but I am told that it is presented and is insisted upon by one or two individuals, the purport of which is to request the

says he can not read the resolution. Comrade Dodge, chairman of the special committee, will read the report. (Reads:)

I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was duly seconded.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the motion say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Commander in Chief, this concludes the report of the committee on resolutions, and I move the adoption of the report as a whole.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion of Comrade Gardner. All in favor say "aye." Contrary "no." It is carried.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. We have thus far omitted any recognition of an important matter. The Daughters of Veterans have not only made a generous donation of gold to our permanent fund, but also presented to our organization the beautiful yellow silk headquarters flag now on the platform. I therefore move that the sincere thanks of the encampment be tendered to the Daughters of Veterans for their continued interest in and loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. All in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is carried. Comrade Beers, chairman of the committee on rules and regulations, will now report on behalf of that committee.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. The comrades will recollect that the commander in chief in his address recommended an amendment to the rules and regulations by which semiannual reports would be abolished and annual reports only would be required from the different departments and posts. Following the recommendation, the committee on rules and regulations have prepared an amendment to Chapter V, Articles II and III, of the rules and regulations, providing for this change; that returns and reports shall be made in January of each year; that the per capita tax shall be based upon those returns as at present. The article covers about two pages and a half. I will read them in extenso if it is desired. (Cries of "No!")

But the statement that I have made gives the fact. It is simply to strike out the semiannual reports and have the annual reports stand, leaving the per capita tax to be paid in semiannual installments as before. The committee was unanimous in this report, and they recommend that the rules and regulations relating to alterations and amendments be suspended, and that the foregoing amendment of articles II and III of Chapter V of the Rules and Regulations, and the sections of the articles as therein set forth, be adopted. And in

pursuance of that I move, first, that the rules and regulations be suspended.

remarks?

Comrade GEORGE A. NEWMAN, of Iowa. I would like to inquire of the committee whether, in arriving at their conclusion, they discussed the matter with people who are more interested in the reports and got their opinion in regard to it; whether this originated from national headquarters entirely or whether you consulted any of the assistant adjutants general who have had experience in getting reports. Whether you did or not, I want to express it as my opinion that the change in the rules and regulations as you propose will do more to retire weak posts than any other action that you could possibly take. My private opinion is that if you had quarterly reports you would get them more often than you get them now. Of course, the commander in chief shakes his head, but a man who has been in the business for a great many years, his experience ought to be as good as that of a man who has not had any experience in it. It is almost impossible now to get reports from the posts, and when you take into consideration that you are doubling the time that elapses between reports you will lose two to one for what you are losing now.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will report what led to this proposition.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. For the information of the encampment, I am pleased to report that the demand for a change in the rules and regulations as recommended by the commander in chief in his address and now proposed by the committee on rules and regulations, was clearly and forcibly presented to national headquarters by many of the assistant adjutants general, which prompted a thorough investigation of the matter, with the result that the commander in chief determined to bring the subject to the attention of the encampment for consideration and action. It was found that many of the departments held their encampment meetings in May and June, and that few of these retain the services of the assistant adjutants general of the previous term. Therefore, before the new officers become familiar with their duties the time has passed when their reports should reach national headquarters. In many instances a number of letters and telegrams had to be sent before reports could be secured in order that the quartermaster general might close his financial report for the year and have it printed for the information of the encampment. In the interest of our entire organization it is my judgment that the report and recommendation of the committee on rules and regulations should be adopted.

Comrade HENRY J. SEELEY, of Connecticut. We have a right to talk about this matter, and especially those who have had the matter of collecting the reports from the assistant adjutants general. We have a right to express ourselves in this matter. What the adjutant



general states is true. This matter came up before the encampment three or four years ago. As the adjutant general says, it should be adopted now. It should have been adopted years ago. The comrades are not in a condition to make these semiannual reports, and on that account I recommended the change in my report in 1913. My report was referred to a committee and died for want of nourishment. I am delighted to-day to know that the commander in chief has brought the matter up. First, the reason is that the comrades in the various posts and in the departments are in such a condition that it has become a great burden to make semiannual reports; and, in the second place, the assistant adjutants general will tell you that they have the greatest trouble in getting the reports from the various posts of their department. And what is the result? The result is that when it comes time, the 20th of the month following the time that the report should be made, they haven't got half their reports in, and very many times they are obliged to suspend those posts in order to get in those reports. The suspension of those posts in the department means a suspension in the reports of the adjutant general. The assistant adjutants general put in their reports to the adjutant general, and they are reported suspended. Now, what happens? Some time before the next semiannual report those posts are reinstated. But in the meantime the national body has lost the revenue. For one reason, the comrades are not in a condition to make these semiannual reports, and the second place, there is a loss of revenue to the national body on that account. Another reason why these reports should be annual instead of semiannual is because if the reports were annual instead of semiannual, then the posts and the different departments would have more time to make up their reports and they would be accurate. You can look at the reports to-day, and there is no accuracy. The reports from the posts to the assistant adjutants general are inaccurate. They have been made out and written backwards and forwards and every other way. If we can have annual reports then we can have accurate reports.

Comrade A. M. TRIMBLE, of Nebraska. There is just one point, Commander in Chief. No assistant adjutant general does his full duty if he don't make up a report in detail. When he is getting ready to consolidate his report, then his per capita tax is all made up. All he has got to do is to consolidate that report in detail. He can do that in 15 minutes. His per capita tax goes forward. These weak departments get the benefit of that. Here is the point. Talk about your nearness to the time of the national encampment. Strike out this word "delinquent" from your reports. I don't use it. It is wrong. When you do that you don't take part in the national fund at all. They don't pay a cent. We don't send a cent of per capita tax if we do that. We carry them along and by keeping them we get them back and don't lose a penny. That is all on that. I think it is a wrong thing.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. Commander and comrades, I have lived in Indiana for some 1 and 70 years. The commander in chief put me on the committee on rules and regulations, and I moved for a minute or two over to Missouri and I had to be shown. And I was shown, and the recommendation of the committee to me as a bookkeeper, knowing something about books, and something about law, and something about Grand Army business,

convinced me that this report of this committee ought to be accepted by this encampment beyond question.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrades, I want to say that I have filled every position from adjutant of my post, assistant adjutant general of our department, and adjutant general of the Grand Army, and because I have held these positions I have lately been honored by being appointed quartermaster sergeant of my post. I would tell Comrade Newman from Iowa that when we departed from the quarterly to the semiannual reports we did not lose a post. If we depart from the semiannual to the annual we won't lose a single post. It will make the business of the organization just that much easier, and I earnestly hope that the encampment will adopt this motion unanimously; and because I can see you want to adopt it, I now move the previous question.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The previous question is moved. All in favor of that will say "aye." It is a vote. Now we will put the main question. All in favor of adopting the amendment will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary "no." It is carried.

(Following is the full report of the committee:)

*To the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS AND RITUAL.

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the commander in chief recommending that the rules and regulations of the order in relation to reports and returns of posts and departments, and dues and revenues, be so amended that reports and returns shall be made annually instead of semiannually, and that the per capita tax be based on the number of comrades in good standing, on December 31 of the previous year and payable in semiannual payments, one-half in January and one-half in July, beg leave to report that they have fully considered the subject matter and recommend that Articles II and III of Chapter V of the Rules and Regulations, and the sections therein contained, be amended to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER V. ARTICLE II.—RETURNS AND REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each post commander shall make annual returns to the assistant adjutant general of the department on the 1st day of January, in each year, containing with other information, the number of members in good standing therein on December 31 last past. He shall at the same time forward the names of all members of his post, in good standing, who have held the position of commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, or junior vice commander in chief, of the national encampment, or of department commander, senior or junior vice department commander, and a list of the names of rejected applicants. The name of a person dishonorably discharged shall be forwarded at once.

SEC. 2. The assistant adjutant general of each department shall, on the receipt of returns, note thereon the date of reception and turn over the quartermaster's and surgeon's returns to the assistant quartermaster general and medical director, respectively. He shall consolidate the annual returns of the post adjutants within 30 days after the 1st day of January, in each year, for the information of the department commander, and shall prepare a copy on blanks of Form C, of such consolidated return to be forwarded by the department commander to the adjutant general on or before the 1st day of February in each year. This report shall also contain a list of the names of all the past officers of the national encampment entitled to membership therein, reported as in good standing in the several posts of his department. He shall also make such supplemental reports as may be required by the national headquarters.

SEC. 3. The adjutant general shall, on receipt of returns, note thereon the date of reception and turn over to the quartermaster general and surgeon



general the returns belonging to their respective offices. He shall consolidate the returns of the assistant adjutants general, for the information of the commander in chief, and shall present a copy of such consolidated returns to the annual session of the national encampment.

SEC. 4. The quartermaster of each post shall, through the post commander, make the annual return to the assistant quartermaster general of the department on the 1st day of January in each year, to and including December 31 last past on blanks of Form B.

SEC. 5. These returns shall be consolidated by the assistant quartermaster general within 30 days after the 1st day of January in each year, and such consolidated return shall be forwarded by the department commander to the adjutant general on or before February 1 in each year, a copy thereof being retained for the information of the department commander, on blanks of Form D. He shall also make such supplemental reports as may be required by national headquarters.

SEC. 6. The annual returns of assistant quartermasters general shall be consolidated by the quartermaster general for the information of the commander in chief, and a copy thereof shall be presented by the quartermaster general to the national encampment at its annual session.

SEC. 7. The patriotic instructor of each post shall, through the post commander, make a report upon forms obtained from the assistant adjutant general of the department within 30 days after receiving notice from the department commander and forward the same direct to the patriotic instructor of the department, who shall in turn make a report to the national patriotic instructor 30 days prior to the meeting of the national encampment.

### ARTICLE III.—DUES AND REVENUES.

SECTION 1. The national encampment, at its annual session, shall assess a per capita tax on each department, not exceeding 25 cents per annum, on each and every member in good standing therein. Such tax shall be payable in two equal installments, and shall be forwarded by the department commander to the quartermaster general, one-half on February 1 and the remaining one-half on July 15 of each year. The amount of the annual tax due from each department shall be ascertained from the number of members in good standing therein, on December 31 last past in each year reported in the consolidated return made to the adjutant general on or before the 1st day of February in each year.

SEC. 2. Each department encampment at its annual session shall assess a per capita tax on each and every post in its jurisdiction, not exceeding \$1 per annum on each member in good standing therein. This tax shall include the tax due the national encampment from the department, and shall be forwarded by the post commander to the assistant quartermaster general in semiannual installments, on the 1st days of January and July in each year. The amount of the semiannual installments due from each post shall be determined by the number of members in good standing therein on December 31 last past, as reported in return of the post commander made on the 1st day of January in each year.

SEC. 3. Each post, either by its by-laws or by vote at the last meeting in December, may assess a per capita tax on its members, payable in equal quarterly installments on the 1st days of January, April, July, and October.

And we further recommend that the rule relating to alterations and amendments of the Rules and Regulations be suspended, and that the foregoing amendment of Articles II and III of Chapter V of the Rules and Regulations and the sections of the articles as therein set forth be adopted.

ALFRED B. BEERS,  
ELLAS R. MONFORT,  
HARVEY M. TRIMBLE,  
W. A. KETCHAM.

*Committee on Rules and Regulations, and Ritual.*

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I move you, Commander in Chief, that we now proceed to the nomination and election of officers of this encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no further business, we will proceed with that, under the rules and regulations. The next business in order will be the nomination and election of officers, and the first

office for which nominations will be received is that of commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade R. I. LAW, of Illinois. I move that all addresses for the nomination of officers be limited to five minutes and all seconding speeches to one minute.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. The luncheon will be ready at the close of this session, provided you don't close too quick. It will be ready at half past 12. You have your tickets. If there are any here who have not tickets, I wish you would just hold your hand up so we may know it. Now, to the comrades on the platform I will say there is a table reserved for you at the head of the line. If you will come down on that side aisle you will get to it without any trouble. The rest of you fellows will pass out of these doors here and go down and fill up the main floor and then go to the gallery upstairs. There are seats—we hope enough—so you will not any of you have to wait to-day.

After you have concluded your repast, you will find autos here at this door to take you to Lexington and Concord. That ride does not take anybody but the delegates of this encampment. This badge will be your ticket for a seat in the automobile. You will start from here as soon as you can after the luncheon and you will return to Boston not later than anywhere from five to half past. You will visit Lexington and Concord, and when you get around to Cambridge, which we expect to reach at 4 o'clock, you will be entertained there by the city of Cambridge. So you see you have got something ahead of you. Please, when you get through with your luncheon, come out here so as to get your seat in the auto.

Comrade WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, of Indiana. As there will be, as I understand it, but one candidate presented for the high office of commander in chief, I move that the calling of the roll of the departments for nominations for commander in chief be dispensed with.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There are two motions before this encampment. The first motion is that nominating speeches be confined to five minutes, and the seconding of the nominations to one minute. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried.

The next motion is that the calling of the roll of departments be dispensed with, and nominations be made without that wearisome feature of the proceeding.

All in favor of the motion to dispense with the calling of the roll of departments for nominations will give their assent by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. Now we are ready to receive nominations.

Comrade SAMUEL M. HENCH, of Indiana. The department of Indiana will present the name of a distinguished citizen soldier of our State for national commander, and his name, and his character, and his life will be set forth by Past Commander in Chief Burton of Missouri.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Burton, five minutes at your disposal.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in chief and comrades, "the gentleman from Indiana," pictured in book and portrayed upon the boards, is a unique and lovely character. The comrade from the department of Indiana is also unique. Even though as a spokesman be he "as mild a mannered man as ever cut

a throat or scuttled a ship," yet his modesty always be peaks his merit.

Indiana gave to the Union the greatest of all war governors and many a military genius of high rank. Among the many gallant regiments which it contributed to the Army of the Union was the Thirty-ninth Indiana, also known as the Eighth Indiana Cavalry, whose bravery was demonstrated upon many of the battle fields of the Rebellion.

Among the boys of that regiment was a youth of good habits and excellent morals. Believing that the Constitution was "An ordinance of national life" and not a mere "Compact of federation," he promptly responded to the call of President Lincoln and for more than three years gallantly served under the colors of his regiment. As a man and a citizen in private life he won and wore the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in touch and they who knew him best loved him most. Recognizing a public office as a public trust, he faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of several offices to which he was elected.

Bound by the ties of camp and field, whether in the ranks or as commander of his department, he has been, and is, in every sense of the word, a loyal and royal comrade of our order. Knowing that he possesses in a remarkable degree every qualification for the discharge of the duties of the office, at the request of my comrades from the department of Indiana and in response to the wishes of comrades from every department, I name for commander in chief, Orlando A. Somers, of Indiana. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. In my moment I simply desire to say that there is deep satisfaction in the hearts of the delegation from New York that at last they are able to join with this encampment in giving to Indiana its due in the possession of another commander in chief of the Grand Army. We are particularly pleased that the choice of the encampment centers upon one whom we know possesses a record entirely commendable, is a man of superior attainments, a man who stands foursquare to all the winds that blow, and who will hold the gavel you now possess, sir, on the extreme balance of justice to all and favoritism to none.

Comrade CHARLES H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Somers for commander in chief.

Comrade BENJAMIN H. CHENEY, of Connecticut. I rise to strongly second the nomination of Comrade Somers.

Comrade WILLIAM O. LEE, of Michigan. I desire on behalf of the department of Michigan to second the nomination of Comrade Orlando A. Somers.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general be directed to cast the ballot of the encampment for Comrade Somers for commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is now to instruct the adjutant general to cast the vote of this encampment for Orlando A. Somers, of Indiana, for commander in chief for the ensuing term. Are you ready for that question? All in favor of the motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. The adjutant general will cast the ballot.

Adj't. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. In compliance with instructions, I have the pleasure to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment in favor of Comrade Orlando A. Somers, of the department of Indiana, for commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Somers, of Indiana, having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him duly elected commander in chief for the ensuing term. I appoint Comrade Bradley to escort the commander elect to the platform.

Comrade J. PAYSON BRADLEY, of Massachusetts. Commander in chief, I have the honor to present to you Comrade Orlando A. Somers, of the department of Indiana, as the commander in chief unanimously elected to preside over the destinies of this great organization for the ensuing year.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Somers, I congratulate you upon the happy event that has just taken place, and I know from what I have learned of you that this encampment has not made any mistake, and that the banner of our organization will be held aloft during the coming year with credit to yourself and honor to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Comrade ORLANDO A. SOMERS, of Indiana. Comrades of the Grand Army, this is no time to make an address. I simply say, "Thank you." There is a text in the Good Book which says, "Let not him boast that putteth on the armor, but rather he that putteth it off." There will be time for me to do that later. Meanwhile, I assure you, you will hear as much from me as you want to, and sometimes more. Briefly, I thank this grand encampment for the confidence they have placed in me. I hope that I may prove fully worthy of it. They have placed upon my shoulders a great responsibility. I do not want you to assume that the entire responsibility is upon me. It is upon every man who held up his right hand and took the pledge when he entered his Grand Army post. There never has been a time in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic when the commander needed the assistance of his comrades so much as now, and this demand will increase with our decreasing number and our increasing age. I want the help of every man in the Grand Army of the Republic. I do not want any soldier to think that he can not do anything. That kind of a soldier is not the kind that won the great battles of this Republic. That kind of a soldier is not the kind that will give the best assistance to his comrades now. I beg of you your assistance in every capacity that the Grand Army involves and that we owe to each other. Again, comrades, I thank you. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The next business is nominations for senior vice commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Commander in chief, my nominee for senior vice commander in chief was born in Ohio. Twice refused admission to an Ohio regiment, he was adopted by a Michigan regiment, and at the age of 10 years was found on the battle field of Shiloh a drummer boy. A shell shattered his drum, and then literally Johnnie grabbed a gun and went in and did what he could.

At Chickamauga his conduct attracted the attention of the Rock of Chickamauga, Gen. Thomas, who made him a sergeant and appointed him an orderly on his staff. So he went through the years of the



war, and then tried to get an education for some years. Then getting an appointment to West Point he failed on mathematics, as most of you would have failed. He then went to Washington, where Grant sat in the White House, and knowing that Grant knew something of him, told him his story and asked for the privilege of six months in which to study up and tackle another examination. Grant listened to what he had to say, picked up his pen, wrote a brief note, sealed it, addressed it to the Secretary of War, and said, "Take that over to the Secretary of War and see what he says." When he came to the Secretary of War he found that it was an order from Grant for his appointment as second lieutenant in the Regular Army. [Applause.]

He has been in the Regular Army ever since, and has held up through all his life the splendid character that the boy who stood the shock of fire at 10 showed. Located in the South, the Grand Army of the Republic of Georgia cottoned to him and they made him department commander.

He has been promoted up through the ranks; saw service through all this time, was at Porto Rico and in the Philippines, and finally was retired from the Regular Army as a brigadier general, the last officer in the United States Army who had any Civil War experience. Then the Congress of the United States, recognizing the peculiar features attached to his life, and his splendid record, by special act made him a major general on the retired list.

I am not on my feet to nominate the retired major general. I am on my feet to nominate Johnnie Clem, of Shiloh, past department commander of the department of Georgia, and who in intellectual ability we know is a man—may God forbid, but if the call for time should sound upon our commander in chief—who would take up the gavel and pursue with all credit to the Grand Army and himself the duties of commander in chief. I nominate John L. Clem. [Applause.]

Comrade H. B. JEFFRIES, of Florida. I move that the nominations close.

Comrade WILLIAM O. LEE, of Michigan. Michigan desires to second the nomination of Comrade John L. Clem.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any other nominations for senior vice commander in chief?

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general be directed to cast the ballot of this encampment for Comrade John L. Clem for senior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there are no further nominations, I will put that motion. All in favor of instructing the adjutant general to cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade John L. Clem for senior vice commander in chief will say "aye." Contrary "no." It is so ordered, and the adjutant general is so instructed.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Commander in chief and comrades, it is an extreme personal pleasure to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment in favor of Comrade John L. Clem for senior vice commander in chief, and I so cast the ballot.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The unanimous ballot of this encampment having been cast for Comrade John L. Clem for senior vice commander in chief, I therefore declare him duly elected to fill that position for the ensuing year.

Comrade SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, of Michigan. I ask that the department commander of Michigan be appointed to escort the senior vice commander in chief elect to the platform, as he was a Michigan soldier.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The department commander of Michigan will escort Comrade Clem to the platform.

WILLIAM O. LEE, department commander of Michigan. Commander in chief, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Comrade John L. Clem. [Applause.]

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am indeed glad to receive you and present you to this encampment that has unanimously elected you senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing term.

Comrade JOHN L. CLEM, of Georgia and South Carolina. I am like our grand commander in chief, U. S. Grant; I can not make a speech. My old friend, Private Somers, and I were soldiers together in the Army of the Cumberland. Once more it gives me great pleasure to serve with him in my new position as senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are now ready to receive nominations for junior vice commander in chief. Call the roll for junior vice commander.

The adjutant general began calling the roll of departments for nominations for junior vice commander in chief, no response being made until Delaware was reached.

Comrade WILLIAM A. REILLY, of Delaware. The department of Delaware has a candidate for junior vice commander in chief, a comrade who for over 30 years has attended nearly every encampment. He is a past department commander, and for 18 years has been our assistant adjutant general. He is well known to every past commander in chief during that time. (Cries of "Name your man!") I place in nomination for junior vice commander in chief Joshua S. Litzenberg, of Delaware.

The department of Florida was next called by the adjutant general, with the following response:

Comrade H. B. JEFFRIES, of Florida. Commander in chief and comrades, I want to name to you, at the desire of the department of Florida, one of our best beloved, best known, hardest workers, and I want to impress upon you, comrades of the North and of the West, this one fact, that Florida, the farthest department south, is the only department in the Grand Army of the Republic that is growing. It is the only one that increases in numbers and strength from year to year, and as it increases in numbers and strength it increases in useful activity for the benefit of the Grand Army and all those who were our comrades during the war. It is the most healthful State in the Union, and when we old boys go down there we get stronger. It will undoubtedly, on that account, be the last department of the Grand Army of the Republic. However, I am not going to take your time to talk about that, but I do want to say this, that next year at Portland we are going to ask you to take the encampment of 1919 down to Tampa, and at that time we will tell you all about the excellency of our department. But I place in nomination, and I beg of you to vote for him, because you can not possibly do better. Comrade A. C. Shaffer.



The roll call was continued without further nominations until the department of Illinois was reached.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—the best can be found nowhere. As good as there is can be found in the department of Illinois. We have just elected a strong man, of good size, commander in chief of this great order. And we have elected as senior vice commander in chief Johnnie Clem, who is a bantam in size, but “a big one” in intelligence and effort. And, now, we from the department of Illinois desire to place by his side as junior vice commander in chief Comrade John M. Vernon, his exact mate in size and his equal in capacity and preparedness to serve the Grand Army of the Republic. If you want to know anything about the Grand Army, ask him. He can tell you. If you want service for the Grand Army, ask him. He is always ready and willing to serve. He never says, “Boys, we ought to do this or that,” but always says, “Come on, boys, let us do this or that.” And he does his full share of the work, which is sure to be thoroughly done; and so out in Illinois we all lovingly call him “Jack.”

We do not claim he was the best soldier; but we do claim that he was as good a soldier as ever wore a uniform. He served three years and three months in Taylor's battery, of Illinois. That battery never missed a chance to get into a fight. It fired 1,700 shots into the enemy ranks at the Battle of Fort Donelson, and kept up that pace to the end of the war. Out in Illinois his services contribute to the accomplishment of every good cause in the Grand Army; and it is rare, indeed, that anything is attempted without his aid. He is one of the most highly esteemed comrades in his department. Knowing him as we do, and knowing his worth as a comrade, by the unanimous voice of the department of Illinois we nominate Comrade John M. Vernon for junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year, and surely you will not regret it if you elect him.

The calling of the roll was continued by the adjutant general without further nominations until the department of Virginia and North Carolina was reached.

Comrade GEORGE W. BURCHFIELD, of Virginia and North Carolina. I am directed by my department to present to you the name of a man whom we honor down there. It is my duty to say to you that he has been department commander down there for seven long years. I beg leave to state to this encampment that you do not know what it is to be a Grand Army man down in that country. We have to fight everything there, and for seven long years he has been holding that department together and attending every national encampment for the last 10 years—and not at the expense of the department, but at his own expense, because that department is too poor to pay the expense of a delegate to these encampments. He has always been here. He is from Pennsylvania, adopted by Virginia. I now place in nomination for junior vice national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic Charles H. Haber.

The call of the roll being concluded, the commander in chief directed that the names of the comrades nominated be read.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Comrades Litzenberg, of Delaware; Shaffer, of Florida; Vernon, of Illinois; and Haber, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. It gives me pleasure to second the nomination of Comrade Litzenberg, of Delaware. Those of us who have been in the habit of attending national encampments never fail to greet Comrade Litzenberg. He has been a loyal worker in the department of Delaware in season and out of season. He has been department commander there and will fill this place with honor if you elect him.

Comrade WILLIAM A. WYSE, of Wisconsin. Wisconsin as a unit desires to second the nomination of Comrade John M. Vernon.

Comrade COS ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. I second the nomination of the candidate from Virginia and North Carolina—Haber. Arkansas seconds that nomination.

Comrade A. M. TRIMBLE, of Nebraska. On behalf of my delegation, I desire to second the nomination of Comrade John M. Vernon, of Illinois.

Comrade WILLIAM F. KIRCHNER, of New York. In behalf of the department of New York, I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Vernon, of Illinois.

Comrade BENJAMIN H. CHENEY, of Connecticut. I desire to second the nomination of John M. Vernon, of Illinois.

Comrade CHARLES BURROWS, of New Jersey. It gives me great pleasure to voice the sentiment of the New Jersey delegation in seconding the nomination of Comrade Litzenberg, of Delaware. For several years he has been department commander. Without him, I don't know what little Delaware would have done. I want to point out to this encampment that while the comrade from Illinois may be all that has been pictured, Illinois has been greatly honored by our encampments. It has already more commanders in chief and more senior vice commanders than any other department by far. Delaware has never had but one national officer, and that was Comrade Daniel Ross, junior vice commander. I think we ought to distribute these offices, as long as all the comrades are worthy, and for that reason we of New Jersey will support and vote for Comrade Litzenberg, of Delaware.

Comrade JAMES H. RILEY, of California and Nevada. It gives me great pleasure to indorse Comrade Litzenberg, of Delaware.

Comrade J. H. NORTON, of Oklahoma. In behalf of the delegation from Oklahoma I second the nomination of Comrade John M. Vernon, of Illinois.

Comrade THOMAS H. BROWN, of South Dakota. I am pleased, on behalf of the delegation from the department of South Dakota, to second the nomination of Comrade J. S. Litzenberg, of Delaware. Delaware is one of the smallest States, and I think we ought to recognize it.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. Commander in chief and comrades of this encampment, a few moments ago a comrade made the statement that there should be some slight division of the order of this encampment and that some of the honors should go to some of the smaller departments that have heretofore not shared equally with the others. Pennsylvania believes in fairness of that kind, and it also believes, as the commander in chief has gone to the West and the senior vice commander to the South, that the eastern part of this great country should also be entitled to some recognition, and Pennsylvania, as a unit, has instructed me to second the nomination of Comrade Litzenberg.

Comrade A. C. SHAFFER, of Florida. Before you proceed with the ballot I desire to withdraw my name as a candidate for junior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Shaffer, of Florida, withdraws his name as a candidate for junior vice commander in chief. Will the departments nominating comrades please select each a teller to conduct the election?

Comrades James T. Alexander, of Delaware; Henry C. Cooke, of Illinois; and George W. Burchfield, of Virginia and North Carolina, were appointed tellers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Call the roll for the vote.

Whereupon the adjutant general called the roll of departments with the following result, as shown by the report of the tellers:

Department.	Litzen- berg.	Haber.	Vernon.
Alabama.....			3
Arizona.....			
Arkansas.....		9	
California and Nevada.....	23		
Colorado and Wyoming.....			10
Connecticut.....			12
Delaware.....	17		
Florida.....	5		
Georgia and South Carolina.....			7
Idaho.....		5	
Illinois.....			43
Indiana.....	13		14
Iowa.....			17
Kansas.....	10		10
Kentucky.....	1		2
Louisiana and Mississippi.....			
Maine.....		15	
Maryland.....	13		
Massachusetts.....	6		27
Michigan.....	23		1
Minnesota.....	4	4	2
Missouri.....	2	10	5
Montana.....	1		6
Nebraska.....			15
New Hampshire.....			10
New Jersey.....	20		
New Mexico.....			2
New York.....			57
North Dakota.....	11		
Ohio.....	40		15
Oklahoma.....			9
Oregon.....			1
Pennsylvania.....	54		
Potomac.....	10		1
Rhode Island.....			17
South Dakota.....			13
Tennessee.....		4	
Texas.....			6
Utah.....			
Vermont.....	14		
Virginia and North Carolina.....		4	
Washington and Alaska.....	2		
West Virginia.....	3	3	
Wisconsin.....			15
On platform.....	12	1	4

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Have all voted who are entitled to? If so, I declare the polls closed. The committee on resolutions has another matter to present.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I am instructed by the chairman of the committee to present this resolution. A subcommittee were instructed to prepare it, but they overlooked the matter. [Reading:]

*Resolved*, That the sympathy of this entire encampment is hereby tendered to the Association of Army Nurses on the death of Mrs. Cochran, one of their honored members, who was killed in an elevator in one of the hotels of this city. We can never forget the untiring labors of these devoted women, and deeply deplore this tragic event.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

The motion was seconded, put by the commander in chief, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The tellers are ready to report on the vote for junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade HENRY C. COOKE, of Illinois. There were 663 votes cast, of which John M. Vernon received 324, Comrade Haber 55, and Comrade Litzenberg 284. Necessary for a choice, 332.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There being no election, we will proceed with another ballot.

Comrade THOMAS H. BROWN, of South Dakota. I move you that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade John M. Vernon.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is out of order. We will proceed to call the roll.

Comrade HENRY LITTLE, of Illinois. Isn't it appropriate for the lowest candidate to drop out?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. After the second ballot. Call the roll for the second ballot.

(The adjutant general called the roll of departments, with the following result:)

Department.	Litzenberg.	Vernon.
Alabama.....		3
Arizona.....		9
Arkansas.....		
California and Nevada.....	23	10
Colorado and Wyoming.....		12
Connecticut.....		
Delaware.....	17	
Florida.....	5	
Georgia and South Carolina.....		7
Idaho.....		5
Illinois.....		43
Indiana.....		27
Iowa.....		17
Kansas.....		20
Kentucky.....	1	2
Louisiana and Mississippi.....		
Maine.....	15	
Maryland.....	13	
Massachusetts.....	4	30

Department.	Litzen- berg.	Vernon.
Michigan.....	23	1
Minnesota.....	2	8
Missouri.....		17
Montana.....		7
Nebraska.....		15
New Hampshire.....		10
New Jersey.....	20	
New Mexico.....		2
New York.....		57
North Dakota.....	11	
Ohio.....	18	32
Oklahoma.....		5
Oregon.....		2
Pennsylvania.....	54	
Potomac.....	10	1
Rhode Island.....		17
South Dakota.....		13
Tennessee.....		4
Texas.....		6
Utah.....		
Vermont.....	14	
Virginia and North Carolina.....		5
Washington and Alaska.....		2
West Virginia.....		6
Wisconsin.....		16
On platform.....	13	4

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Adams, of Nebraska, has a resolution he desires to offer that I think you will approve of.

Comrade C. E. ADAMS, of Nebraska. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army, Abraham Lincoln left to us some mighty heritages. Among them was one, the child of his adoption, the Union Pacific Railway. That mighty corporation has just recently adopted the policy of hiring the Old Guard, the veterans of the Civil War, to protect their line of railway from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast, and are paying them \$75 a month for eight hours' work per day. [Applause.]

In furtherance of that commendable proposition and hoping that it will be emulated by other great railway systems and institutions in this country, I offer the following resolution [reading]:

*Resolved*, That this encampment indorse the laudable and patriotic action of the Union Pacific Railroad in the employment of the Old Guard, the veterans of the Civil War, to guard their great line of railroad from the Missouri River, across the continent, to California and the Pacific coast.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. I move that the adjutant general be instructed to send a copy of the resolution to every railroad in the United States.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved that the resolution be adopted and that the adjutant general be instructed to send a copy to every railroad in the United States. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of its adoption say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. The tellers are ready to report the vote on junior vice commander in chief.



Comrade HENRY C. COOKE, of Illinois. Comrades, the total vote cast is 658; necessary for a choice, 330, of which Comrade John M. Vernon, of Illinois, receives 415 and Comrade J. R. Litzenberg, of Delaware, receives 243.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I am directed by my department to move that the election of Comrade Vernon, of Illinois, be made unanimous.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. I therefore declare Comrade John M. Vernon, of Illinois, duly elected junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing term. Nominations for surgeon general.

(The adjutant general called the roll of departments without response until Ohio was reached.)

Comrade WILLIAM M. HAHN, of Ohio. At the State encampment held in Ohio the delegates were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the election as surgeon general of Dr. John M. Adams, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Adams has been connected with the Ohio department for many years as its medical director, and you can see, my comrades, the splendid condition that the delegates from Ohio are in. Now, as long as he has been medical director we believe that he ought to be surgeon general. I therefore, without any more talk, nominate Dr. John M. Adams for this very honorable position.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I rise on behalf of Kansas to second the nomination of Comrade John M. Adams.

Comrade J. A. WATROUS, of Wisconsin. I move that the further reading of the roll be dispensed with, and that if there are any further nominations they may be made from the floor to save time.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the further reading of the roll be dispensed with and that if there are any further nominations they be made from the floor. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary, "no." Carried. Are there any further nominations?

Comrade C. T. S. PIERCE, of Vermont. Vermont desires to present a candidate for surgeon general. We present the name of one of our past commanders, a man who has always been loyal to the soldiers of Vermont in the legislature, where he has introduced acts for the benefit of the soldiers of Vermont. I therefore nominate Dr. C. M. Ferrin, of Vermont, for surgeon general.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will call the roll for the vote on surgeon general. The candidates are Comrade John M. Adams, of Ohio, and Comrade C. M. Ferrin, of Vermont. Chaplain in Chief O. S. Reed and Custodian of Records J. Henry Holcomb will act as tellers.

(The roll of departments was called by the adjutant general and the following vote announced, as shown by the tally sheets kept by the tellers.)

Department.	Ferrin.	Adams.
Alabama.....	3	.....
Arizona.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	5
California and Nevada.....	23	.....
Colorado and Wyoming.....	10	.....
Connecticut.....	12	.....
Delaware.....	.....	1
Florida.....	.....	.....
Georgia and South Carolina.....	11	.....
Idaho.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	2	41
Indiana.....	.....	27
Iowa.....	.....	17
Kansas.....	1	19
Kentucky.....	.....	3
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	6	.....
Maryland.....	.....	13
Massachusetts.....	.....	21
Michigan.....	.....	23
Minnesota.....	.....	5
Missouri.....	.....	17
Montana.....	7	.....
Nebraska.....	15	.....
New Hampshire.....	10	.....
New Jersey.....	.....	14
New Mexico.....	.....	2
New York.....	.....	55
North Dakota.....	.....	3
Ohio.....	.....	25
Oklahoma.....	.....	9
Oregon.....	.....	2
Pennsylvania.....	.....	30
Potomac.....	10	.....
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	.....	13
Tennessee.....	4	.....
Texas.....	.....	.....
Utah.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	14	.....
Virginia and North Carolina.....	.....	5
Washington and Alaska.....	.....	2
West Virginia.....	.....	6
Wisconsin.....	.....	7

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. While the vote is being counted, Comrade Bradley wishes to make an announcement.

Comrade J. PAYSON BRADLEY, of Massachusetts. Commander in Chief, and comrades, you are going on an automobile trip this afternoon after your lunch. We hope you will all return safely and have a good night's rest. To-morrow you are going down to the shore to have a fish dinner, and I understand that is what some of the comrades have come away from Wyoming and California and other places for the purpose of getting this fish dinner. If you will read your tickets carefully, they tell the whole story. Rowe's Wharf can be reached by the elevated road and also by the surface road. It is on Atlantic Avenue. The time of going is 11 o'clock and 11.30. Our

party is so large that it required two steamers. You know the Woman's Relief Corps is going with us. These tickets have been given out by the committee, and every one going will be required to have this ticket. So don't leave it at your hotel. We will return, leaving Nantasket at 4 p. m. That ought to bring you up to the wharf by 5. The yellow ticket is for the 11 o'clock boat, and the dark ticket is for the 11.30, so you won't be crowded on the same boat. They both go from Rowe's Wharf.

I can say while the vote is being counted, that up to the present time, I understand by the resolution of the committee here, Boston has fulfilled its promise made at Kansas City, but we will finish it up to-morrow, for the clams are being dug this afternoon and the fish are being caught. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The tellers are ready to announce the vote on surgeon general.

Comrade O. S. REED, of Colorado and Wyoming. Total number of votes cast, 493. Necessary to a choice, 247. Of these Comrade Adams receives 365; Comrade Ferrin 128.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade John M. Adams of Ohio having received a majority of the votes cast, I declare him duly elected surgeon general for the ensuing year.

Comrade HENRY LITTLE, of Illinois. I take great pleasure in introducing Comrade Vernon, who has been elected junior vice commander in chief. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I take great pleasure in presenting Comrade Vernon.

Comrade JOHN M. VERNON, of Illinois. Comrades, I am sincerely sorry for having caused you so much trouble. I thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me, and I will do everything in my power to fulfill the duties of the office to which you have elected me. I thank you. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Next in order for nomination is chaplain in chief.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of the Potomac. Commander in Chief, Comrades, by request of the department of Colorado and Wyoming, I nominate for chaplain in chief my old comrade, O. S. Reed, from Toledo, Ohio, our present chaplain in chief. For 10 years I was editor of the Blade at Toledo, Ohio, and he was a minister of the gospel in that city. I know much of his good work for Christianity. Whatever of Christian element you may find in me you can attribute to association with him and his teachings. I have been an attendant at many National Encampments, and it is only occasionally we have a chaplain in chief who performs his functions. Chaplain in Chief Reed has been here punctually attending to his duties. He opened our encampment yesterday and again to-day with prayer, something rather unprecedented. I take great pleasure in acceding to the request of the department of Colorado and Wyoming that he be given a second term.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Reed, of Colorado and Wyoming, has been nominated for chaplain in chief. Are there any further nominations?

Comrade JAMES R. Goss, of Montana. The department of Montana desires to present to this encampment the name of a man who has been with us now, lo, these many years. You talk about the services

of a chaplain. Out in our country we call them "sky pilots." In this encampment if there is any comrade who wants to be helped up to the regions above, I am sure we have got a chaplain, otherwise known as a "sky pilot," who will see you safely through. And I am sure, judging some of my eastern comrades by the standards which we have in Montana, some of you may be glad to see him. I don't know. But I want to say in behalf of our comrade, he is at present chaplain of the Legislature of Montana; he is our assistant adjutant general; and he has been, lo, these many years, chaplain of William McKinley Post where he resides, in the city of Billings, Mont. For that matter, he lives now in Helena. We ask at your hands your careful consideration, as well as your vote, for Comrade C. H. Frady for chaplain in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. When you honored me by electing me commander in chief you led me by that act to the greatest tragedy of my life. I can not say much, but it took place at Helena. And to-day when I hear a candidate mentioned from Helena there comes over me with crushing force the memory of the comradeship that enfolded me, supported me, and gave me an exhibition of the comradeship and fraternity of the Grand Army of the Republic that will never fade from my memory. And if the lips of her who lies in Arlington could open to-day I know that in common gratitude she would ask me to say a word, not in opposition to any other, but in grateful remembrance and commendation of the great-hearted comrades of Montana. And so my comrades from New York, I know, will unanimously support the candidacy of Comrade Frady for chaplain, and I beg for every vote in the encampment for him.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There being no further nominations we will proceed to call the roll for the ballot.

I have been requested by the commander in chief elect to announce that the council of administration will meet at the headquarters room at the Vendome Hotel at 3 o'clock. The commander in chief elect desires to meet every comrade of the council of administration. They should attend the meeting.

Comrade Reed desires to be heard.

Comrade O. S. REED, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander and comrades, a year ago I felt very highly complimented by your electing me to this position. I have tried to do my duty through the year and serve you to the very best of my ability. I visited two departments in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic and its work. I have made a number of speeches. I have assisted in the burial of a number of comrades. One by one they are dropping away. Sad memories come to us. Now, having been thus highly honored, I withdraw my name. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. In sympathy with the great heart of our illustrious past commander in chief for the comradeship that the comrades in Montana showed upon the occasion which was so tragic to him, I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment unanimously for the comrade from Montana, Comrade Frady, for chaplain in chief of this organization for the ensuing year.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended, and that the adjutant general be instructed to cast

the vote of this encampment for Comrade C. H. Frady for chaplain in chief. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." It is carried.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Commander in Chief, I cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade C. H. Frady for chaplain in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Frady having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I hereby declare him duly elected chaplain in chief for the ensuing year.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. There is an important matter that the adjutant general is responsible for and that is the election by the encampment of the council of administration, whose members have been recommended by the several departments.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I move you, sir, that the names presented by the several departments be confirmed by this encampment, and that the comrades named be elected as members of the council of administration for the ensuing year.

The motion was duly seconded.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the roll of members of the council of administration nominated by the several departments and reported here be confirmed, and that they be duly elected as such. All in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary "no." Carried.

Following is a list of the members of the council of administration as reported by the several departments and elected by the encampment:

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama.....	F. G. Sheppard.....	Birmingham.
Arizona.....	E. S. Godfrey.....	Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas.....	Cos Altenberg.....	Little Rock.
California and Nevada...	Wm. H. Noll.....	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming...	H. M. Minor.....	Rocky Ford.
Connecticut.....	Harry L. Beach.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	James Agnew.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	E. S. Upham.....	St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina.	C. J. Hitch.....	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho.....	C. F. Drake.....	Weiser.
Illinois.....	John B. Inman.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	Wm. A. Kelsey.....	Fort Wayne.
Iowa.....	J. W. Willett.....	Tama.
Kansas.....	David Taylor.....	Emporia.
Kentucky.....	Americus Whedon...	Washington, D. C. (2301 Calvert Street).
Louisiana and Mississippi.	W. B. Barrett.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Chas. E. Nason.....	Gray.
Maryland.....	W. H. Moffett.....	Baltimore (602 Forest Street).
Massachusetts.....	Edward H. Haskell...	Boston (176 Federal Street).
Michigan.....	Samuel J. Lawrence..	Detroit (Detention Home, Hancock and Revard Streets).
Minnesota.....	Philip G. Woodward..	Anoka.
Missouri.....	John M. Williams....	California (Mo.).
Montana.....	George H. Taylor.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	C. E. Adams.....	Omaha (826 World-Herald Building).
New Hampshire.....	Isaac M. Savage.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Alfred Atkins.....	Roselle Park.



Department.	Name.	Address.
New Mexico.....	F. E. Olney.....	East Las Vegas.
New York.....	Geo. A. Price.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	Joseph E. Palmer.....	Fessenden.
Ohio.....	J. K. P. Ferrell.....	Uhrichsville.
Oklahoma.....	Chas. M. Rawlings....	Bartlesville.
Oregon.....	Wm. M. Hendershot..	Portland (584 Larabie Street).
Pennsylvania.....	J. Andrew Wilt.....	Towanda.
Potomac.....	Charles Loeffler.....	Washington, D. C. (1632 P Street NW.).
Rhode Island.....	John A. Medbery.....	East Providence (190 Anthony Street).
South Dakota.....	T. C. De Jean.....	Plankinton.
Tennessee.....	Newton Hacker.....	Jonesboro.
Texas.....	Martin Ballweg.....	Cedar Hill.
Utah.....	S. B. Young.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	James M. Tracy.....	Middlebury.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	W. S. Wilson.....	National Soldiers' Home, Va.
Washington and Alaska...	E. A. Shores.....	Tacoma.
West Virginia.....	Smith Risinger.....	Moundsville.
Wisconsin.....	D. G. James.....	Richland Center.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Burton desires to say a word.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief and comrades, since our last national encampment Comrade William Warner, past commander in chief, died at Kansas City. I move that a memorial page be set apart in the journal of these proceedings, and that Comrade Leo Rassieur, past commander in chief, of St. Louis; W. H. Wormstead, senior vice commander in chief, of Kansas City; and Thomas W. Evans, commander of the Department of Missouri, of St. Joseph, be appointed a committee to draft the memorial to be printed upon that page.

Comrade C. H. W. RUBE, of Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as Comrade Warner was a personal friend of mine, I heartily second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You understand the motion. All in favor of its adoption will say "aye"; contrary "no." It is so ordered. Any further business? Officer of the day, before surrendering your position, I desire to thank you for the admirable manner in which you have assisted the commander in chief in maintaining order and the good attendance in proper shape so that the business of this encampment could be properly and decently carried on. So you have my thanks before I surrender this gavel. (Comrade James J. Flynn, of Roxbury, Mass., officer of the day.)

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. Commander in Chief, since the last encampment Past Commander in Chief W. C. Johnson has passed over the divide. I move you, sir, that the commander in chief appoint a committee to prepare a memorial for him.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried, and Comrades E. R. Monfort, John M. Adams, and W. M. Hahn, all of Ohio, were appointed a committee to prepare the memorial.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. We have now reached the point where the officers elect can be installed. I will appoint Comrade King, of Maryland, past commander in chief, to install the officers elect.

The **INSTALLING OFFICER** (Past Commander in Chief John R. King). I will appoint the present officer of the day, Comrade James J. Flynn, to act in that capacity during the installation of officers. The adjutant general will please announce the names of the newly elected officers.

The adjutant general then read a list of the newly elected officers, and the following officers elect being present were duly installed:

Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers, of Indiana.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John L. Clem, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon, of Illinois.

Chaplain in Chief Charles H. Frady, of Montana.

Commander in Chief Somers then announced the appointment of the following officers, and they were duly installed:

Adjutant General Robert W. McBride, of Indiana.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian of Records J. Henry Holcomb, of Pennsylvania.

The **INSTALLING OFFICER**. I believe that completes the installation. Comrade Somers, I place in your hands the gavel. Comrades, I present to you the officers of your choice and I ask for them your hearty cooperation and support for the ensuing year. Commander in Chief Somers will now assume the duties of his office. [Applause.]

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF** (Orlando A. Somers). Comrades, hear a word from Past Commander in Chief Patterson.

Past Commander in Chief W. J. PATTERSON. Comrades, I feel considerably lighter at the present moment than I have heretofore. I want to return my sincere thanks to the comrades of this encampment and to the comrades of the entire country for the cordial support I have received during the entire term I have served. I felt when I commenced my term of office one year ago considerable misgivings as to how things would turn out, but as soon as I got in touch with the comrades in the different departments I was greatly encouraged, and I found that everything would move on just as usual. For that reason I can step out with some credit to myself. I attribute it entirely to the cordial and hearty support I received from you comrades and other comrades all over this great country. I thank you. [Applause.]

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. Is there any further business to come before this encampment?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. In accordance with the usual and most worthy custom, I move you, sir, the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable testimonial to our retiring commander in chief expressive of the affection and regard of the Grand Army of the Republic, the same to be presented to him at the next national encampment.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. I will appoint as members of that committee Past Commanders in Chief Alfred B. Beers and James Tanner

and Quartermaster General Stowits. Is there any further business to come before this encampment?

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I move that the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, do now adjourn.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will adjourn without a motion. I want to announce again, because of the absence of so many comrades, that the council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, at 3 o'clock. I fear many of them are absent. Important business is to be transacted at that hour. Each of these departments I trust will see that their representative on the council will be present on that occasion.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS. Commander, I move you that the thanks of this encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be tendered to the retiring commander in chief, Comrade Patterson, for the able, the zealous, and the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties during the past year, and that this resolution be entered at length upon the records of this encampment.

The motion was duly seconded.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor will make it known by saying "aye." Opposed, "no." The motion is carried unanimously.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Commander in Chief, I think the thanks of our order are due to our good comrade, the adjutant general, Comrade Bengough, and I move that the same action be taken with reference to him.

Past Commander in Chief HARVEY M. TRIMBLE. I move as a substitute for the motion of my friend, Past Commander in Chief King, that the thanks of this encampment be tendered not only to the adjutant general but to the quartermaster general and all subordinate officers for their splendid services rendered the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year.

Comrade C. E. NASON, of Maine. There is a motion before this encampment, seconded, that this encampment adjourn.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The Grand Army, in its meetings, does not adjourn upon motion. We adjourn when the order of business has been completed. The motion is in order. All favoring the motion will make it known by saying "aye." The motion is carried.

If there is no further business to come before this encampment, I declare the encampment closed without form. [1.15 p. m.]

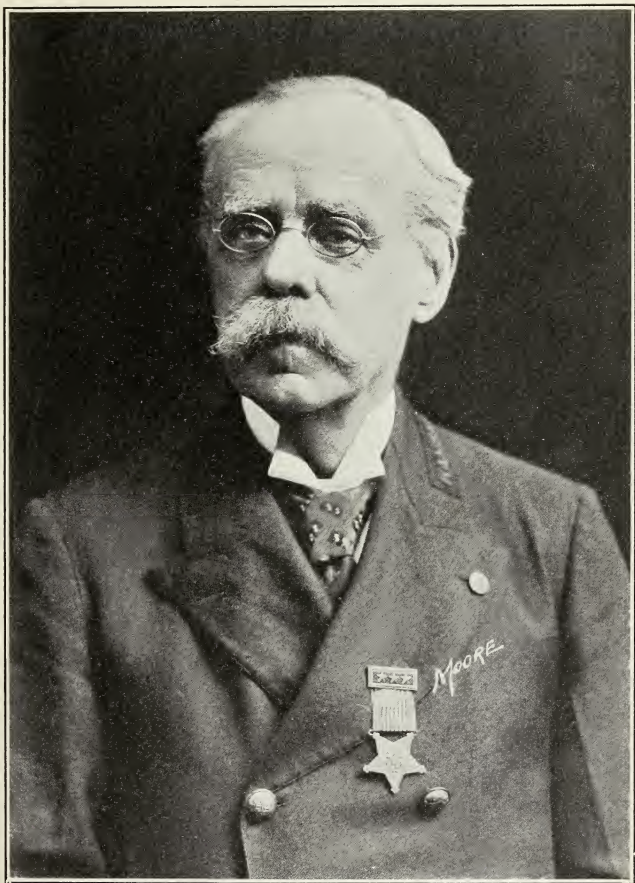


# REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES

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WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD,  
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.



E. K. RUSS,  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20, 1917.

Comrade H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

COMRADE: As is customary and proper, I herewith present to you my report as senior vice commander in chief.

Elected to this high office at the Fiftieth National Encampment, held at Kansas City, I take the advantage of expressing to my comrades in this document my heartfelt thanks for this high honor and the expression of confidence which is therein implied.

I have watched with interest and approbation the course of administration followed by our commander in chief and his official assistants, and have felt assured that the government of the Grand Army had fallen into good hands.

My own personal activity has been confined to lines State and local, and I can say that in both lines the spirit of F., C. and L. has never shown more brightly in the G. A. R. than it has for the year past, and the promises for the future are most encouraging.

The activities in the several auxiliaries, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and Ladies of the Grand Army, show in a satisfactory way that they recognize the duties that must devolve upon them, heavier each coming year.

On the 4th of October I officiated as a representative of the national organization at the funeral services of our beloved past commander in chief, William Warner, and the high regard in which he was held was evidenced by the large number of military and civil organizations in line and the many expressions of sorrow at our common loss, and was also evidenced by a magnificent floral tribute from the national headquarters. Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton delivered the funeral oration on that occasion, and painted in vivid colors the virtues and worth of the departed soldier.

On Memorial Day it was my pleasure to deliver the address as is usual at Elmwood Cemetery. The day being very stormy, the exercises were held in Armour Chapel, on the cemetery grounds, a large number being present.

I have been seriously handicapped in my activities by a serious and fatal affliction which affected my wife early in the year. I mention this as an explanation and not as an excuse for any apparent inactivity.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

W. H. WORMSTEAD,  
*Senior Vice Commander in Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., July 17, 1917.

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I respectfully submit through your office to the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic my report as junior vice commander in chief.

The duties of my office as usual have been light, and though ever ready to serve the Grand Army to the utmost extent of my ability, I have had to content myself with the comforting assurance that "they also serve who only stand and wait."

On Memorial Day I had the honor of assisting in the services at Chalmette National Cemetery, where sleep in peace all that was mortal of more than 12,000 comrades of the Civil War.

June 14, Flag Day, I presented, on behalf of Joseph K. Mower Post No. 1, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, a beautiful United States flag to the city of New Orleans, La., and to-day it is floating proudly from the same staff from the city hall from which Farragut removed the emblem of secession. The flag was hoisted by two old soldiers of the Civil War, one clad in the blue of the G. A. R. and the other in the gray of the U. C. V. The flag was accepted by the Hon. Martin Behrman, mayor of the city of New Orleans, in an impassioned, eloquent, and patriotic speech. Twenty-one guns in salute by the Washington Artillery were fired as the flag was hoisted and the Boy Scouts stood at attention. The Star-Spangled Banner was rendered by the band, the community chorus made up of the patriotic ladies of the city, and the thousands of spectators who had gathered round the city hall to witness the ceremonies.

I dwell upon this incident to show the great change in public sentiment which 50 years have wrought. And to-day we can leave in the hands of the descendants of those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray our dear Old Glory, with the full assurance that the same devotion that we gave 50 years ago will be given by them now; that on the battle fields of France or wherever it may be borne by them it will be defended with their last ounce of strength, the last drop of their hearts' blood, and their last fluttering breath shall be a cheer for the flag they follow. I thank God that we have lived to see this day.

Hoist our flag, unfurl it proudly,  
Cheer it soldiers; cheer it loudly—  
From the Great Lakes' crystallized chain,  
To the Gulf's wide blue domain;  
From Atlantic's outline bold,  
To Pacific's rim of gold.



Come, ye veterans, every one,  
Veterans gray of "sixty-one,"  
Ye who marched in blue away,  
Ye who wore the chosen gray—  
Come as one to-day and swear  
Allegiance to thy banner there.

Youths, leave college work undone,  
Threads of science yet unspun;  
Men, leave counting room and plow,  
Unitedly the world show how  
Columbia's sons keep honor bright,  
Vindicate, uphold the right.

Hoist our flag, unfold and wave it;  
Sires of ours hath died to save it;  
None shall trample, none shall trail it;  
None shall live that dare assail it,  
For we idolize and love it  
Next unto the God above it.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

E. K. RUSS,  
*Junior Vice Commander in Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

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AURORA, ILL., July 18, 1917.

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Pittsburgh, Pa.*

DEAR COMRADE: According to the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is my duty to render to you an account of my doings as surgeon general during the past year.

In the first place, I desire through you to say to all comrades that I profoundly appreciate the honor and compliment conferred by them on me at Kansas City, the memory of which will lighten and brighten the time still allotted me as I go down toward the sunset of life.

The duties of the office, as I understand them, are varied; one may do little or much. Though I have not been called upon to render service officially, yet I have offered suggestions to comrades in regard to the care of both mind and body whenever opportunity presented itself, such as at regimental reunions and other gatherings of old soldiers. Nevertheless, that insidious and invincible conqueror, death, has stalked forth among our ranks, and during the year carried with it many of our comrades out into the great ocean of eternity. As the years go on the old soldiers, the brave boys who answered their country's call in the hour of its dire need and distress, will pass away more rapidly. Yet, comrades, we need not despair, but live on, firmly believing that we shall again meet in that land beyond the skies, where war, sin, and suffering are no more. Patriotism and righteousness should be twin brothers. There are but two things in this life really worth striving for, namely, good health and good character. Without good health happiness is almost impossible under any circumstances, and character, priceless here, is the only thing that can be of any benefit in the hereafter.

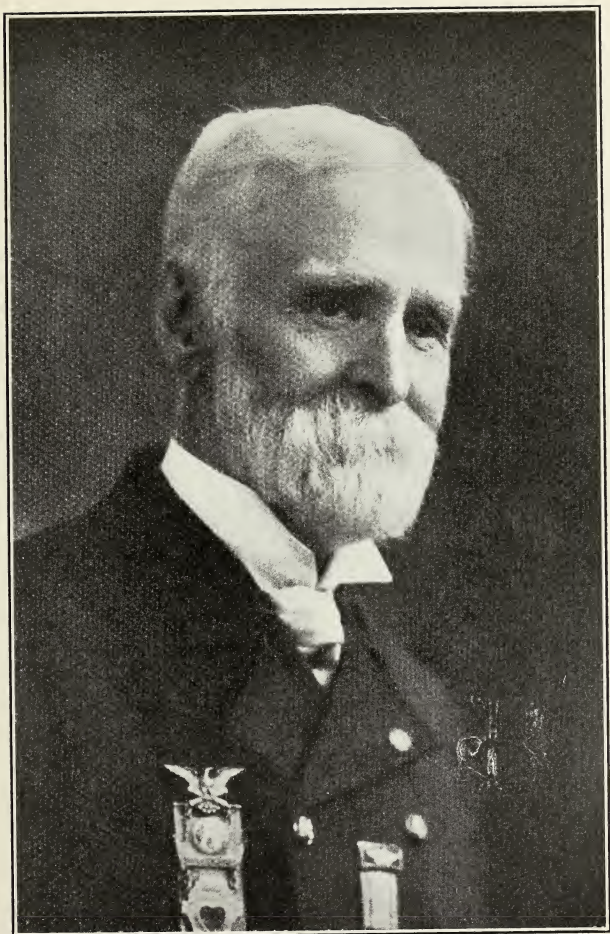
I hereby wish to express my appreciation of the kind and courteous reception given me by yourself and Commander in Chief Patterson in Pittsburgh, and also for the pleasant hours spent with him at Bloomington, Ill., at the department encampment.

Our country has again become involved in a great war to settle a question of right and wrong; a continuation of the struggle that has been going on for ages between true democracy and autocracy, whether the divine right of kings to rule shall prevail, or whether governments shall be by, of, and for the people; and though we deplore war, with all its suffering and horror, still we feel confident that our sons and grandsons will maintain the high ideal of the American soldier and bring our distracted world to a righteous and lasting peace. This is, at least, the hope and prayer of

Yours, in F., C., and L.,

WILLIAM M. HANNA,

*Surgeon General.*



WILLIAM M. HANNA,  
Surgeon General.



O. S. REED,  
Chaplain in Chief.

## REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF.

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PUEBLO, COLO., July 22, 1917.

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In compliance with your request I hereby furnish as complete a report as chaplain in chief, G. A. R., as is possible at this time. I most heartily thank my comrades for the honor they conferred on me at Kansas City in electing me to this honorable position. I have tried to do my duty and I regret that I have not been able to secure from every department chaplain a full report. As illustrative of the condition of affairs I submit copy of report of Chaplain W. K. Collins, Department of Missouri:

Comrade O. S. REED,

*Chaplain in Chief:*

I am returning to you the blank sent me for my report as department chaplain. Statistics to be of value should be accurate and it has been impossible for me to get the data by which I can fill the blank and answer the categorical questions. I can only report in a general way for I have only general information upon which to found a report. Time has made sad havoc with the minds and bodies of those who were active participants in the great war more than 50 years ago and few posts have chaplains who are competent to make accurate reports, and few of them make any at all. As an example, one post chaplain of a post having 66 members reports that 150 comrades participated in Memorial Day services and that the post decorated in 274 cemeteries. Neither of these statements can be true.

There are in this department 145 active posts ranging in membership from 3 to 243. From general information I am quite sure that a majority of these posts attended Sunday memorial services and that every post in some manner observed Memorial Day and decorated the graves of all veterans of the Civil War in its vicinity. I regret that I can not be more definite in my report.

I am in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed in the above report. My experience leads me to conclude that these reports are of little value because of inaccuracies, incompleteness, and lack of hearty cooperation. Of course our comrades are growing old and we should not expect the same promptness, accuracy and interest that would obtain where youth was in evidence.

From the department chaplain of Iowa I received the following:

DEAR CHAPLAIN: I have done my best to get full returns from the various associate organizations but I have secured as yet no responses. Memorial Day throughout Iowa was a rainy, disagreeable one. Still, much interest was taken in exercises generally.

W. E. STANLEY, *Chaplain.*

From Oklahoma, G. W. Garner, chaplain, writes:

The returns are very meager and very incomplete, which leads to the conclusion that age and disability will soon end all G. A. R. work as an organization.

Don't give up the ship, Comrade Garner; we are young yet.

From Connecticut, Comrade William Hilton writes:

The general sentiment in our reports expresses a deeper appreciation of the meaning and purpose of Memorial Day and reveals a better observance of its spirit, no doubt owing to the heavy European war cloud.



From Pennsylvania, M. L. Ganoe writes:

Your two letters came duly to hand. Permit me to say you can not fail of disappointment in receiving reports in time you suggest. We seem to be wholly demoralized in Pennsylvania. With 500 posts, I have received but 70 reports.

Comrade Ganoe asks for more time in which to make report. He has exercised great diligence in his efforts to secure post reports without success.

From Idaho I received the following:

DEAR COMRADE: The facts given in the formal report inclosed tell only part of an interesting story. The Sons of Veterans, though not organized, volunteered to take a large share of the responsibility here at Idaho Falls. One presided at both services. Five S. of V. and one son of a Confederate together occupied the platform and took charge of services. We veterans were guests of honor and were conveyed to the place of meeting in autos. The theater was packed with people. I gather from reports that similar conditions prevailed elsewhere throughout this department.

R. E. SMITH,  
*Chaplain, Department of Idaho.*

From Texas I received the following:

The Texas veterans need a stirring up. They think they are getting too old, and the public in Texas are not looking after them as they are in Northern States.

I am satisfied that present war conditions have aroused greater interest in the G. A. R. than formerly obtained. The youth of our land are more interested in the old veterans than heretofore. Patriotic meetings are the order of the day, and the old boys of '61-'65 are in evidence. Many of them are called upon as orators of the day.

In compliance with request from Commander in Chief Patterson, I represented the national administration at the gathering of the Department of Kansas held at Salina in May. The gathering was like that of the national body rather than that of a department. The Kansans are thoroughly awake and in earnest. Salina, a most beautiful city, could not have done more than was done to make the encampment a grand success. In June I represented the commander in chief at the encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming at Longmont.

On several occasions I have been called upon to make addresses, about 20 in all. The work was enjoyable, and I hope acceptable, generally.

I take the liberty of omitting the summary of the very meager and partial reports made by department chaplains of part borne by W. R. C., S. of V., and D. of V., on memorial occasions. Those organizations make their own reports and ours would be so much at variance that I refrain from entering the lists.

But for these auxiliaries of the G. A. R. many posts would long since have been compelled to have surrendered their charters and abandoned the field.

The beautiful custom of decorating graves with flowers and flags has been taken up by other organizations so that it is safe to say that instead of the comparatively few represented by our figures, over a million were so remembered until our cities of the dead became fields of flowers and gathering places of great hosts of friends.

More than ten thousand of our comrades have passed to the great beyond since we met at Kansas City. A ceaseless tramp of mighty

hosts are answering the last roll call. Our organization is unique in that its ranks can only be increased by those who were willing to give the last full measure of devotion to their country during the dark days of war. As has been indicated in several reports, the time is not far distant when we will have completed our work. Whilst this is all true, the patriotic spirit engendered by the Boys in Blue will live and live forever. We can, by visiting our schools, by telling the old stories over and over again do a great work still. We can arouse love of home in human hearts and strengthen arms of those now being called to the colors. We owe all to the Flag under which we live. It is America's uncrowned king and we are its subjects.

I append summary of reports received, expressing again the wish that they might have been more complete:

Departments reporting.....	36
Posts reporting memorial services.....	3, 742
Memorial Sunday services:	
Posts attending services.....	3, 006
Sermons preached to posts.....	2, 764
Sermons preached by veterans.....	183
Sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	235
Comrades present at such services.....	34, 289
Memorial Day services:	
Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	3, 694
Attendance of comrades.....	97, 854
Graves decorated.....	658, 493
Graves unmarked.....	4, 957
Addresses delivered to posts on Memorial Day.....	2, 196
Addresses delivered by veterans.....	849
Addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	286
Posts having burial plots.....	1, 816

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

O. S. REED, *Chaplain in Chief.*

## REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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PITTSBURGH, PA., August 6, 1917.

Comrade W. J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: The appointment as your adjutant general carried with it an honor personally appreciated in the fullest sense, while the confidence you thus evidenced in me called forth my best endeavor to faithfully perform the duties falling to the care and direction of the adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now that the close of my official term is rapidly approaching, it is my sincere hope that the services rendered in the conduct of the affairs of the office of adjutant general fully measure up to your expectations and will merit your official approval.

Upon assuming charge of your headquarters it was decided that all letters received from comrades, no matter how unimportant some might seem to be, should be promptly acknowledged and answered. This course involved an increase of labor, fully justified, however, by the satisfaction given to the comrades interested.

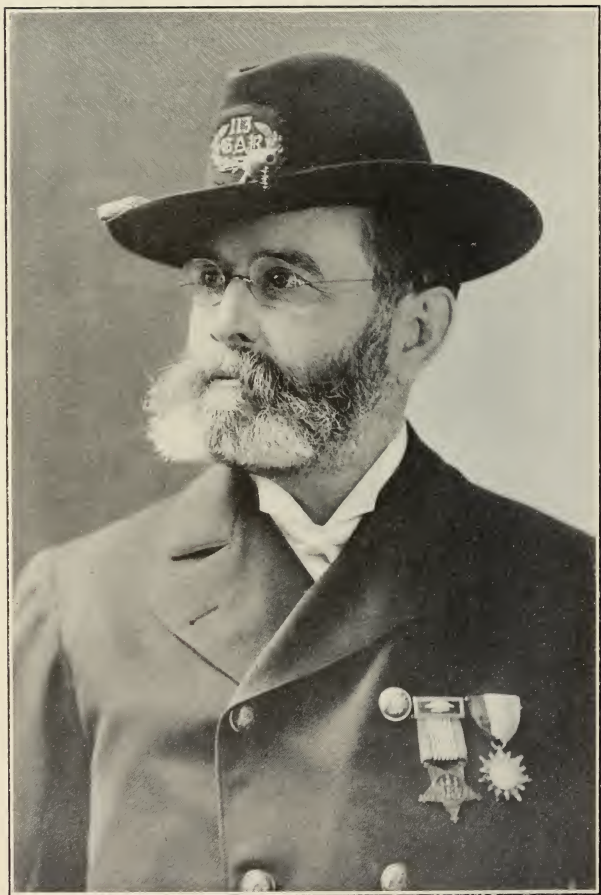
Hundreds of letters have been received and answered; notices of appointment as aids-de-camp have been mailed to nearly 1,500 comrades, of which number about one-third accepted, and to them commissions were mailed; six general orders have been prepared and 57,000 copies shipped to departments, and in addition there have been mailed from headquarters to the press and to individuals and comrades over 3,000 copies of these orders; credentials have been issued to each department prior to the meeting of its encampment, with notice of the number of representatives to which each was entitled in the national encampment. Three hundred and fifty-two copies of semi-annual reports have been sent to departments from headquarters, and on receipt of reports Form D with per capita tax has been promptly forwarded to the quartermaster general.

The above summary does not give an adequate idea of the time required at headquarters, for the reason that so many letters received ask for information about past events, which it takes some time to secure before the letter can be answered. Many comrades and widows come to headquarters seeking advice as to how to secure their pensions, and they are always courteously received and, so far as possible, given the information and advice they wish. In many cases the necessary letters to the Pension Bureau are written for them before they leave the office. This, of course, does not belong to the routine work of headquarters, but it sends the comrade or widow away happy, and, after all, that is one of the best things in life, to make others happy.

Transmitted herewith is the detailed statement compiled from the reports of the assistant adjutants general of the departments, for the year ending December 31, 1916, showing among other facts a rapid decrease in the membership of our order, due principally to loss by death. To the heartfelt sorrow over the regretful fact that during the year 11,430 comrades answered the last "roll call," there comes the comforting assurance that in their day and time our departed comrades evidenced an unselfish devotion to country and flag, which



H. H. BENGOUGH,  
Adjutant General.



E. B. STILLINGS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



stands as an example worthy of emulation by present and future generations.

The high tide in membership of our order was reached in 1890, when the adjutant general reported a membership of 409,489. Considering the privations endured and dangers encountered during their service, the fact that so many of our comrades still survive, is a wonder indeed, often favorably commented upon by those younger, and who observe the continued activity of so many of our comrades in the affairs of life.

The headquarters secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, deserves the commendation of your adjutant general in recognition of faithful and efficient services rendered during the past year. The experience of years in the detail work of national headquarters, coupled with rare ability and with willingness to serve, regardless of hours, renders the services of the secretary invaluable to the Grand Army of the Republic.

In conclusion, my fraternal thanks are extended to the members of your staff, the department officers, and comrades in general, from whom many courtesies have been received, through correspondence and otherwise, which in time to come will be cherished among the pleasing memories of life.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
*Adjutant General.*

*Consolidated returns of posts and membership, Grand Army of the Republic, for year ending Dec. 31, 1916, showing gains and losses for term ending Dec. 31, 1916.*

Departments.	Dec. 31, 1915.		Dec. 31, 1916.		Posts.		Members.	
	Posts.	Members	Posts.	Members	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
Alabama.....	5	80	5	76	.....	.....	.....	4
Arizona.....	5	104	5	97	.....	.....	.....	7
Arkansas.....	15	331	13	291	.....	2	.....	39
California and Nevada..	98	5,556	95	5,261	.....	3	.....	296
Colorado and Wyoming..	60	1,774	52	1,591	.....	8	.....	183
Connecticut.....	61	2,181	61	2,007	.....	.....	.....	174
Delaware.....	18	358	16	321	.....	2	.....	37
Florida.....	24	691	24	732	.....	.....	41	.....
Georgia and South Carolina.....	9	176	9	143	.....	.....	.....	33
Idaho.....	18	403	18	381	.....	.....	.....	22
Illinois.....	401	11,101	410	10,472	9	.....	.....	629
Indiana.....	284	8,957	264	8,205	.....	20	.....	752
Iowa.....	311	7,903	303	7,120	.....	8	.....	783
Kansas.....	297	7,788	282	6,885	.....	15	.....	903
Kentucky.....	64	912	57	788	.....	7	.....	124
Louisiana and Mississippi	36	560	34	486	.....	2	.....	74
Maine.....	135	2,902	131	2,630	.....	4	.....	272
Maryland.....	54	1,257	53	1,138	.....	1	.....	119
Massachusetts.....	202	9,086	200	8,243	.....	2	.....	843
Michigan.....	263	6,995	252	6,257	.....	11	.....	738
Minnesota.....	148	2,907	144	2,692	.....	4	.....	215
Missouri.....	212	4,287	183	3,884	.....	29	.....	403
Montana.....	14	319	10	225	.....	4	.....	94
Nebraska.....	179	3,132	176	2,911	.....	3	.....	221
New Hampshire.....	71	1,483	70	1,356	.....	1	.....	127

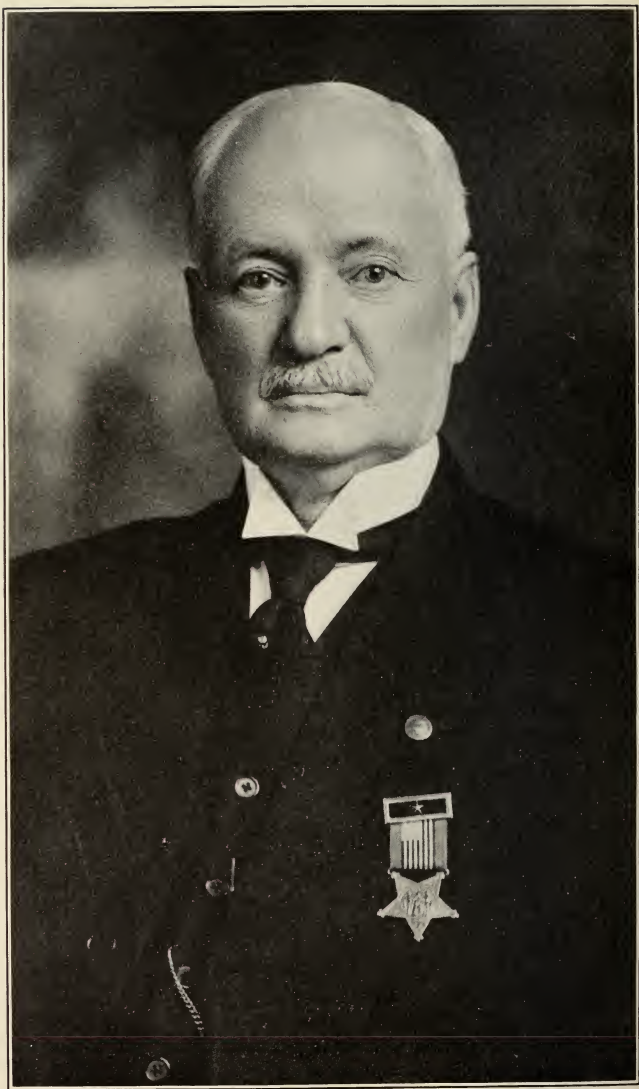
*Consolidated returns of posts and membership, etc.—Continued.*

Departments.	Dec. 31, 1915.		Dec. 31, 1916.		Posts.		Members.	
	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
New Jersey.....	98	2,665	96	2,592	.....	2	.....	73
New Mexico.....	10	117	10	109	.....	.....	.....	8
New York.....	529	15,576	516	14,045	.....	13	.....	1,531
North Dakota.....	22	237	22	222	.....	.....	.....	15
Ohio.....	496	15,045	492	13,869	.....	4	.....	1,176
Oklahoma.....	67	1,414	53	1,096	.....	14	.....	318
Oregon.....	63	1,842	62	1,778	.....	1	.....	64
Pennsylvania.....	518	15,890	503	14,560	.....	15	.....	1,330
Potomac.....	14	1,239	13	1,074	.....	1	.....	165
Rhode Island.....	23	990	23	887	.....	.....	.....	113
South Dakota.....	47	785	57	766	10	.....	.....	19
Tennessee.....	29	820	29	783	.....	.....	.....	37
Texas.....	11	326	12	310	1	.....	.....	16
Utah.....	5	223	5	218	.....	.....	.....	5
Vermont.....	86	1,725	85	1,526	.....	1	.....	199
Virginia and North Caro- lina.....	29	380	28	346	.....	1	.....	37
Washington and Alaska..	79	2,714	73	2,442	.....	6	.....	272
West Virginia.....	31	935	29	870	.....	2	.....	65
Wisconsin.....	201	4,908	191	4,247	.....	10	.....	661
Aggregate.....	5,342	149,074	5,166	135,931	20	196	41	13,183
Net loss.....						176		13,142

## RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing, Dec. 31, 1915.....	149,074
Gains:	
By muster.....	2,645
By transfer.....	1,631
By reinstatement.....	3,174
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	1,371
Total.....	8,821
Aggregate.....	157,895
Losses:	
By death.....	11,430
By honorable discharge.....	318
By transfer.....	1,290
By suspension.....	5,695
By dishonorable discharge.....	16
By delinquent reports.....	2,454
By surrender of charter.....	761
Total.....	21,964
Membership in good standing, Dec. 31, 1916.....	135,931
Posts in good standing, Dec. 31, 1916.....	5,166
Net loss for the year.....	13,142
Total number remaining suspended Dec. 31, 1916.....	3,275
Number dropped during the year.....	1,148
Number of posts that surrendered charters.....	97
Number of posts mustered.....	2
Expended in relief during the year.....	\$60,226.51
Members and families relieved.....	1,867
Other than members relieved.....	497





COLA D. R. STOWITS,  
Quartermaster General.

## REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., August 15, 1917.

WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I have the honor to submit herewith my official report of the business transacted in the office of the quartermaster general for the term ending August 15, 1917.

It is a pleasing fact that during the past year, notwithstanding the high cost of living, of which so much is heard on every side, and that our revenue from the per capita tax and sale of supplies has been materially reduced and is falling off each year, we have been able to hold our own with the assistance of only a portion of the accrued interest from the permanent fund, and without drawing any percentage from the principal of that fund as was authorized for each and every year by the unanimous vote of the Fiftieth National Encampment. It has been the desire of the present administration to maintain the dignity and standing required of the Grand Army of the Republic as the highest patriotic order of all time. No imprudent, extravagant, or unwarranted outlay of money has been allowed, and the administration has been economical in every way consistent with the welfare of the order.

Many of our beloved comrades of the battles of the past have found eternal peace, and there are none to take their places.

“Every year they’re marching slower,  
Every year they’re stooping lower,  
Every year the lilting music stirs the hearts of older men;  
Every year the flags above them,  
Seem to bend and bless and love them,  
As if grieving for the future when they’ll never march again.

Every year that day draws nearer,  
Every year the truth is clearer,  
That the men who saved the Nation from the severance of the sword.  
Soon must pass away forever  
From the scene of their endeavor,  
Soon must answer to the roll call of the angel of the Lord.”

Thank God, however, there are still a few of us left, not so decrepit as our years might indicate, and the noble old Grand Army of the Republic, in its own quiet way, continues to exert a powerful influence on the life of the Nation whose honor and integrity it has striven for more than 50 years to preserve, an influence that will never die until time is no more.

I wish at this time to extend sincere thanks to our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and its efficient president, Mrs. Ida K. Martin, for their generous donation to the southern memorial fund, amounting to \$1,000. This donation was most timely, because had it not been for their promptness we could not have carried out our usual contributions to the southern departments.

We also acknowledge, with thanks, a donation to that fund from the ladies of the G. A. R. amounting to \$205.20.



Again it is our happy privilege to acknowledge generous contributions of \$1,000 from the Woman's Relief Corps to the general fund and \$500 from the Daughters of Veterans and \$250 from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary to the permanent fund, as shown in my supplemental report of September 2, 1916.

In connection with the clerical work of our order, I have one suggestion to make, and that is, I believe it is unnecessary for the several departments to make semiannual reports under Forms C and D, and that it will save work and expense and be quite as well if these reports are made annually for the term ending December 31 of each and every year. This will overcome the great difficulty of getting in the reports for the term ending June 30 in time to close the accounts and make out the full detailed report for the annual meeting of the national encampment. As it is now, it is a perfect rush for the assistant adjutants general of the several departments to get in on time the semiannual reports and per capita tax from the posts and properly tabulate the same for national headquarters.

The Journal of the Fiftieth National Encampment has been printed at the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C., and we are indebted to our committee on legislation and our friends in the House and Senate for its distribution. In this connection, we wish to express our deep appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered us by Mr. George H. Carter, clerk of the United States Joint Committee on Printing.

The balance remaining on hand in the Southern Memorial fund is not sufficient to cover the expenses for next year, and I therefore recommend that the incoming administration make an appeal not only to our order, but to the auxiliary and allied societies, and I would ask that mention be made of this appeal in all the general orders that are issued during the coming year, and request that the donations be sent to the quartermaster general on or before April 1, in order that we may know what amounts we can send to each of the southern departments.

With expressions of deep appreciation of your uniform kindness and courtesy, and that of all the other comrades with whom I have had dealings, I am, my dear commander, with kindest regards and every good wish for the future,

Yours in F., C., and L.,

COLA D. R. STOWITS,  
*Quartermaster General.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 2, 1916.

*Transcript of books, Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, 1916.*

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the Fiftieth National Encampment .....		\$4, 004. 51
Subsequent receipts:		
Sale of supplies.....	\$41. 90	
Per capita tax.....	1. 78	
Woman's Relief Corps.....	1, 000. 00	
Daughters of Veterans.....	500. 00	
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.....	250. 00	
		1, 793. 68
Total .....		5, 798. 19

## Disbursements:

Traveling .....	\$194. 00	
Expenses .....	77. 32	
Expenses, rolls, reports, etc .....	453. 75	
Transfer to permanent fund .....	750. 00	
		<u>1, 475. 07</u>

Total cash in all funds..... 4, 323. 12

## To be credited as follows:

General fund .....	3, 400. 61	
Southern Memorial fund .....	922. 51	
		<u>4, 323. 12</u>

COLA D. R. STOWITS,  
Quartermaster General, G. A. R.

## DEBIT.

## Cash received for term ending Aug. 15, 1917:

General fund, supplemental report, Sept. 2, 1916 .....	\$3, 400. 61	
Southern memorial fund .....	922. 51	
		<u>\$4, 323. 12</u>
Sale of supplies .....	2, 144. 57	
Per capita tax .....	4, 621. 61	
Southern memorial fund .....	1, 538. 70	
Interest from permanent fund .....	2, 000. 00	
E. R. Monfort, refund .....	70. 00	
John M. Adams, refund .....	6. 50	
Refund from Texas .....	5. 00	
Burdett legacy, transferred .....	530. 58	
Interest on bank balance .....	100. 70	
		<u>11, 017. 66</u>
Total .....		<u>15, 340. 78</u>

## CREDIT.

## Cash paid out, term ending Aug. 15, 1917:

For supplies .....	1, 714. 40	
For traveling .....	1, 471. 28	
For salaries .....	3, 100. 00	
For Southern Memorial fund .....	1, 580. 00	
For incidental expenses .....	3, 042. 05	
Burdett legacy, transferred .....	530. 58	
		<u>11, 438. 31</u>

Total on hand in all funds, Aug. 15, 1917..... 3, 902. 47

## To be credited as follows:

General fund .....	3, 021. 26	
Southern Memorial fund .....	881. 21	
		<u>3, 902. 47</u>

## ASSETS.

Cash, general fund .....	3, 021. 26	
Cash, Southern Memorial fund .....	881. 21	
Supplies on hand .....	1, 225. 00	
Blanks on hand .....	150. 00	
Furniture on hand .....	250. 00	
Lithograph stone .....	20. 00	
Gun metal .....	250. 00	
		<u>5, 797. 47</u>
Total .....		<u>5, 797. 47</u>

*Sale of supplies for term ending Aug. 15, 1917.*

Alabama		New Jersey	43. 00
Arizona		New Mexico	
Arkansas	6. 85	New York	147. 00
California and Nevada	117. 75	North Dakota	. 30
Colorado and Wyoming	29. 25	Ohio	254. 10
Connecticut	35. 95	Oklahoma	21. 80
Delaware	9. 90	Oregon	19. 60
Florida	18. 35	Pennsylvania	197. 20
Georgia and South Carolina	4. 21	Potomac	25. 90
Idaho	9. 65	Rhode Island	11. 25
Illinois	97. 70	South Dakota	. 70
Indiana	78. 55	Tennessee	6. 54
Iowa	43. 65	Texas	4. 00
Kansas	59. 77	Utah	6. 88
Kentucky	3. 60	Vermont	7. 64
Louisiana and Mississippi	6. 13	Virginia and North Carolina	1. 57
Maine	15. 96	Washington and Alaska	35. 80
Maryland	22. 95	West Virginia	
Massachusetts	132. 73	Wisconsin	39. 38
Michigan	40. 45	Woman's Relief Corps	12. 00
Minnesota	31. 25	Joseph K. Davidson's Sons	65. 00
Missouri	36. 85	Aides-de-camp	400. 30
Montana	17. 01		
Nebraska	24. 35	Total	2, 144. 57
New Hampshire	1. 75		

*Per capita tax, Southern Memorial fund, interest, etc., received for term ending Aug. 15, 1917.*

	Dec. 31, 1916.	June 30, 1917.	Southern Memorial fund.	General fund.
Alabama	\$1. 33	\$1. 09		
Arizona	1. 70	1. 70		
Arkansas	5. 08	4. 40		
California and Nevada	92. 05	89. 86	\$10. 00	
Colorado and Wyoming	29. 95	25. 40		
Connecticut	35. 12	33. 47	78. 00	
Delaware	5. 62	5. 20		
Florida	12. 95	12. 93		
Georgia and South Carolina	2. 50	2. 47		
Idaho	6. 66	6. 45		
Illinois	183. 26	172. 80	9. 00	
Indiana	143. 59	136. 82		
Iowa	124. 60	121. 03		
Kansas	120. 49	112. 40		
Kentucky	13. 79	11. 66	1. 00	
Louisiana and Mississippi	8. 50	5. 92		
Maine	46. 03	80. 84		
Maryland	19. 92	18. 83		
Massachusetts	144. 25	137. 07	25. 00	
Michigan	109. 50	103. 09	4. 00	
Minnesota	47. 11	44. 80	97. 50	
Missouri	67. 97	61. 94		
Montana	3. 85	5. 30		
Nebraska	50. 95	49. 43		
New Hampshire	23. 73	23. 38		
New Jersey	45. 36	42. 16		
New Mexico	1. 91	1. 82	2. 00	
New York	245. 79	234. 35	48. 00	
North Dakota	3. 88	3. 66		
Ohio	242. 71	230. 06	12. 00	
Oklahoma	19. 18	18. 70		

*Per capita tax, Southern Memorial fund, interest, etc.—Continued.*

	Dec. 31, 1916.	June 30, 1917.	Southern Memorial fund.	General fund.
Oregon.....	\$31. 12	\$31. 03		
Pennsylvania.....	254. 80	231. 79	\$10. 00	
Potomac.....	18. 80	17. 64		
Rhode Island.....	15. 52	14. 53	10. 00	
South Dakota.....	13. 40	12. 36		
Tennessee.....	13. 47	11. 83		
Texas.....	5. 45	5. 25		
Utah.....	3. 81	3. 80		
Vermont.....	26. 70	25. 27		
Virginia and North Carolina.....	6. 06	5. 78		
Washington and Alaska.....	42. 73	42. 08		
West Virginia.....	15. 23	13. 16		
Wisconsin.....	74. 32	67. 32	10. 00	
Ladies of the G. A. R.....			205. 20	
Daughters of Veterans.....			7. 00	
Woman's Relief Corps.....			1, 000. 00	
Connecticut Sons of Veterans.....			10. 00	
Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer permanent fund.....				\$2, 000. 00
E. R. Monfort, refund.....				70. 00
John M. Adams, aides.....				6. 50
Burdett legacy.....				530. 58
Interest, bank.....				100. 70
Refund from Texas, Southern Memorial fund.....				5. 00
Total.....	2, 380. 74	2, 240. 87	1, 538. 70	2, 712. 78

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup- plies.	Travel- ing.	Sal- aries.	South- ern Memo- rial fund.	Ex- pense.
1916:							
Sept. 8	1	Katharine R. A. Flood, for general orders, etc.....					\$25. 98
16	2	William M. Hahn, expense, Kansas City, Mo.....					25. 00
29	3	H. H. Bengough: Salary for September.....			\$100. 00		28. 70
29	4	C. D. R. Stowits: Expense for September.....					20. 50
29	5	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for September.....			33. 33		
29	6	John M. Adams, expense, freight, etc.....			100. 00		9. 42
Oct. 3	7	American Surety Co., pre- mium, quartermaster- general's bond.....					12. 50
3	8	William J. Patterson, for traveling.....		\$200. 00			

Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, etc.—Continued.

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup- plies.	Travel- ing.	Sal- aries.	South- ern Memo- rial fund.	Ex- pense.
1916.							
Oct. 3	9	Baker Furniture Co., desk, etc., for headquarters.....					\$49. 19
3	10	Alpha Floral Co., for trib- ute to Past Commander in Chief Wm. Warner.....					20. 00
3	11	Gordon L. Elliott, reporting proceedings fiftieth na- tional encampment.....					200. 00
3	12	Town Printing Co., sta- tionery, etc.....					181. 25
28	13	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for October.....			\$33. 33		
		Expense for October.....					7. 00
28	14	H. H. Bengough: Salary for October.....			100. 00		
		Expense for October.....					39. 90
		Traveling.....		\$4. 98			
28	15	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for October.....			100. 00		
28	16	William G. Johnston, stamped envelopes, print- ing, and stationery.....					80. 45
Nov. 8	17	Central Phone Co., service for November.....					8. 94
8	18	A. W. McCloy Co., mailing tubes.....					6. 50
13	19	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, buttons, etc.....	\$409. 40				
24	20	Griffith-Stillings Press, for 950 commissions.....					46. 31
29	21	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for November.....			33. 34		
		Expense for November.....					5. 50
29	22	H. H. Bengough: Salary for November.....			100. 00		
		Expense for November.....					22. 28
29	23	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for November.....			100. 00		
Dec. 4	24	J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, September, Oc- tober, and November.....			75. 00		
		Expense, September, October and Novem- ber.....					21. 11
4	25	Central Phone Co., service for December.....					6. 06
21	26	Town Printing Co., general orders, etc.....					107. 61
21	27	H. H. Bengough: Salary for December.....			100. 00		
		Expense for December.....					21. 42
21	28	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for December.....			33. 33		
		Expense for December.....					6. 17
21	29	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for December.....			100. 00		



*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, etc.—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup- plies.	Travel- ing.	Sal- aries.	South- ern Memo- rial fund.	Ex- pense.
1917.							
Jan. 2	30	Bastian Bros., for 500 aides' badges, K. C.....					\$137. 50
12	31	Thomas J. Stewart, treas- urer, Burdett legacy.....					530. 58
12	32	Central Phone Co., service for January.....					5. 93
12	33	C. D. R. Stowits, trip to Boston.....		\$40. 55			
12	34	H. H. Bengough, trip to Boston.....		55. 50			
12	35	William J. Patterson, for traveling.....		300. 00			
19	36	Uriah Seely, flags, southern schools.....					10. 00
30	37	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for January.....			\$100. 00		
30	38	H. H. Bengough: Salary for January.....			100. 00		
		Expense for January.....					20. 48
30	39	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for January.....			33. 33		
		Expense for January.....					5. 75
Feb. 5	40	Town Printing Co., 9,600 general orders.....					93. 69
5	41	Central Phone Co., service for February.....					5. 50
5	42	Art Engraving Co., stamped envelopes, etc.....					41. 30
10	43	A. W. McCloy Co., mailing tubes.....					5. 98
10	44	American Surety Co., pre- mium adjutant-general's bond.....					2. 50
10	45	Uriah Seely, flags, southern schools.....					5. 00
28	46	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for February.....			100. 00		
28	47	H. H. Bengough: Salary for February.....			100. 00		
		Expense for February.....					12. 71
28	48	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for February.....			33. 34		
		Expense for February.....					5. 00
Mar. 5	49	Central Phone Co., service for March.....					5. 50
5	50	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, buttons, etc.....	\$205. 00				
5	51	J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, December, Jan- uary, and February.....			75. 00		
		Expenses, December, January, and Febru- ary.....					23. 70
29	52	Western Union Telegraph Co., service for February.....					7. 67

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, etc.—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup-plies.	Travel-ing.	Sal-aries.	South-ern Memo-rial fund.	Ex-pense.
1917.							
Mar. 29	53	A. W. McCloy Co., sup-plies, etc.					\$7. 08
29	54	William J. Patterson, for traveling.		\$200. 00			
29	55	C. D. R. Stowits:					
		Salary for March.			\$33. 33		
		Expense for March.					4. 00
29	56	H. H. Bengough:					
		Salary for March.			100. 00		
		Expense for March.					14. 25
29	57	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for March.			100. 00		
Apr. 4	58	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, buttons, etc.	\$220. 00				
4	59	Central Phone Co., service for April.					5. 50
4	60	Town Printing Co., blanks, etc.					118. 00
23	61	William M. Hahn, attend-ing conference at Boston.		57. 25			
23	62	Jos. H. Matthews & Co., for new seal.					8. 50
27	63	C. D. R. Stowits:					
		Salary for April.			33. 33		
		Expense for April.					3. 00
		Attending Boston con-ference.		40. 36			
27	64	H. H. Bengough:					
		Salary for April.			100. 00		
		Expense for April.					26. 86
27	65	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal-ary for April.			100. 00		
May 3	66	George H. Carter, clerk, 1,000 journals, 1916, 800 paper, 200 cloth.					277. 72
3	67	Central Phone Co., service for May.					5. 50
7	68	M. B. Young, department commander, Texas.				\$50. 00	
7	69	O. J. Kyler, department commander, Arkansas.				125. 00	
7	70	Ephriam F. Quinn, depart-ment commander, Ala-bama.				50. 00	
7	71	E. T. Gipson, department commander, Louisiana and Mississippi.				175. 00	
7	72	George E. Whitman, de-partment commander, Georgia and South Caro-lina.				300. 00	
7	73	J. R. Kennedy, depart-ment commander, Ten-nessee.				200. 00	
7	74	John Wallace, department commander, Florida.				80. 00	

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, etc.—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup- plies.	Travel- ing.	Sal- aries.	South- ern Memo- rial fund.	Ex- pense.
1917. May	7	75 Charles H. Haber, depart- ment commander, Vir- ginia and North Carolina.				\$600. 00	
	10	76 Town Printing Co., 9,700 general orders, etc.					\$148. 87
	23	77 Town Printing Co.: 2,000 service books . . .	\$290. 00				
		3,000 rules and regula- tions . . . . .	135. 00				
	23	78 O. S. Reed, chaplain-in- chief, attending Kansas encampment . . . . .		\$33. 28			
	23	79 William J. Patterson, for traveling . . . . .		300. 00			
	29	80 H. H. Bengough: Salary for May . . . . .			\$100. 00		
		Expense for May . . . . .					38. 80
		Judge advocate confer- ence . . . . .		14. 60			
	29	81 Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for May . . . . .			100. 00		
	29	82 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for May . . . . .			33. 34		
		Expense for May . . . . .					6. 20
	31	83 Town Printing Co.: 5,000 applications . . . .	30. 00				
		Stationery, etc . . . . .					67. 00
	31	84 J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, March, April, and May . . . . .			75. 00		
		Expense, March, April, and May . . . . .					19. 75
June	14	85 Central Phone Co., service for June . . . . .					6. 25
	14	86 H. H. Bengough, trip, Ohio Encampment . . . . .		24. 76			
	30	87 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for June . . . . .			33. 33		
		Expense for June . . . . .					5. 75
	30	88 H. H. Bengough: Salary for June . . . . .			100. 00		
		Expense for June . . . . .					28. 06
	30	89 Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for June . . . . .			100. 00		
July	3	90 O. S. Reed, chaplain in chief, office expense . . . .					5. 69
	3	91 W. J. Patterson, traveling expense . . . . .		200. 00			
	9	92 Central Phone Co., service for July . . . . .					5. 50
	20	93 Uriah Seely, N. P. I., office expense . . . . .					30. 65
	23	94 John M. Adams, editing, etc., Fiftieth National Encampment Journal . . . .					203. 29

Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 15, 1917, etc.—Continued.

Date of ayment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup- plies.	Travel- ing.	Sal- aries.	South- ern Memo- rial fund.	Ex- pense.
1917. July 31	95	H. H. Bengough: Salary, July and Aug. balance of term.....			\$200. 00		
		Expense, July.....					\$27. 63
31	96	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for balance of term.....			200. 00		
31	97	J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, June, July, and August.....			75. 00		
		Expense, June, July, August.....					18. 00
31	98	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary, July and August.....			66. 67		
		Expense, July and August.....					10. 50
Aug. 3	99	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, buttons, etc.....	\$25. 00				
3	100	Thomas J. Stewart, chair- man Monfort testimonial.....					500. 00
3	101	John Little, service at head- quarters.....					25. 00
3	102	Art Engraving & Printing Co., general orders, etc.....					79. 20
3	103	Central Phone Co., service for August.....					5. 50
		Total.....	1,714. 40	1,471. 28	3,100. 00	1,580. 00	3,572. 63

*Supplies on hand, purchased, issued, and remaining on hand for the term ending Aug. 10, 1917.*

[By C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.]

	Rules and regulations.	Rituals, sets.	Officers' cards.	Service books.	Odes.	Applications.	Leaves of absence.	Transfers.	Discharges.	Post charters.	Descriptive books.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Strap ribbons, pieces.	Electrotypes.	Blue books.	Cost.
On hand, Aug. 15, 1916.....	1,366	300	2,938	577	1,300	5,973	1,091	3,453	44	238	25	308	1,111	885	57	32	284	\$875.66
Purchased, per abstract.....	3,000	.....	.....	2,000	.....	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,300	1,496	8,000	.....	.....	.....	1,714.40
Total to be accounted for.....	4,366	300	2,938	2,577	1,300	10,973	1,091	3,453	44	238	25	2,608	2,607	8,885	57	32	284	2,590.06
Issued.....	1,781	102	394	557	650	3,600	826	872	29	26	9	2,131	1,230	8,170	45	4	34	2,186.47
Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1917.	2,585	198	2,544	2,020	650	7,373	265	2,581	15	212	16	477	1,377	715	12	28	250	1,225.00

*Supplies purchased by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, during the term ending Aug. 10, 1917.*

From whom purchased.	Rules and regulations.	Service books.	Applications.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Cost.	Date.
Jos. K. Davison's Sons.....				1,000	396	2,000	\$409.40	1916. October.
Do.....				300	300	500	205.00	1917. January.
Do.....					300	3,500	220.00	March.
Town Printing Co.....	3,000	2,000					425.00	May.
Do.....			5,000				30.00	Do.
Jos. K. Davison's Sons.....				1,000	500	2,000	425.00	July.
Total purchased.....	3,000	2,000	5,000	2,300	1,496	8,000	1,714.40	

*Statement of total number of posts, membership, and financial condition of the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic Jan. 1, 1917.*

[Compiled by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, G. A. R.]

Departments.	Total posts.	Members.	Value of real estate.	Cash, post and relief.	Furnishings, etc.	Total value of property.
Alabama.....	5	76	\$260.00	\$128.99	\$152.00	\$540.99
Arizona.....	5	97		361.63		361.63
Arkansas.....	13	291	1,111.00	258.32	378.00	1,747.32
California and Nevada.....	95	5,260	5,972.00	32,345.73	3,896.42	42,214.15
Colorado and Wyoming.....	58	1,591	10,513.00	6,959.47	4,778.30	22,250.77
Connecticut.....	60	2,007	61,097.63	50,461.71	19,639.83	131,199.17
Delaware.....	16	321		1,929.21	1,725.00	3,654.21
Florida.....	24	732	4,000.00	479.16	560.00	5,039.16
Georgia and South Carolina.....	9	143	591.70	55.67	120.00	767.37
Idaho.....	18	381	10,810.00		1,775.00	12,585.00
Illinois.....	410	10,472	44,257.36	42,077.98	25,115.92	111,451.26
Indiana.....	264	8,205	7,213.28	62,137.93	10,229.98	79,581.19
Iowa.....	303	7,120	33,210.00	30,288.88	2,430.00	65,928.88
Kansas.....	282	6,885	18,902.80	8,617.93	17,746.94	45,267.67
Kentucky.....	58	788		749.00	450.00	1,199.00
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	34	486	4,100.00	624.63	924.55	5,649.18
Maine.....	131	2,630	56,551.50	23,344.43	19,194.11	99,090.04
Maryland.....	53	1,138	7,500.00	11,430.65	4,000.00	22,930.65
Massachusetts.....	200	8,243	150,000.00	231,116.13	4,000.00	385,116.13
Michigan.....	252	6,257	22,510.75	10,528.60	23,980.70	57,020.05
Minnesota.....	144	2,692	9,320.00	7,552.49	7,095.00	23,967.49
Missouri.....	183	3,884	15,215.20	27,898.30	7,349.00	50,462.50
Montana.....	10	225	1,081.50	1,546.71	1,626.21	4,254.42
Nebraska.....	176	2,911	28,925.75	21,143.98	7,632.15	57,701.88
New Hampshire.....	70	1,356	30,666.18	21,916.94	19,068.29	71,651.41
New Jersey.....	96	2,592	45,554.33	31,916.69	19,938.00	97,409.02
New Mexico.....	10	109		264.24		264.24
New York.....	523	14,045	42,820.42	118,146.08	85,475.71	246,442.21
North Dakota.....	22	222	2,400.00	2,052.03	729.40	5,181.43



*Statement of total number of posts, membership, and financial condition of the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic Jan, 1, 1917—Continued.*

[Compiled by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, G. A. R.]

Departments.	Total posts.	Members.	Value of real estate.	Cash, post and relief.	Furnishings, etc.	Total value of property.
Ohio.....	492	13, 869	\$49, 311. 25	\$49, 845. 00	\$37, 491. 64	\$136, 647. 89
Oklahoma.....	53	1, 096	5, 430. 00	798. 08	1, 131. 48	7, 359. 56
Oregon.....	62	1, 778	3, 660. 00	8, 879. 55	2, 898. 85	15, 438. 40
Pennsylvania.....	503	14, 560	300, 000. 00	28, 299. 95	15, 000. 00	343, 299. 95
Potomac.....	12	1, 074	3, 005. 60	8, 336. 39	2, 030. 08	13, 372. 07
Rhode Island.....	23	887	500. 00	16, 048. 87	9, 797. 25	26, 346. 12
South Dakota.....	57	766	.....	595. 19	200. 00	795. 19
Tennessee.....	29	783	.....	700. 00	.....	700. 00
Texas.....	12	310	2, 050. 00	663. 38	345. 70	3, 059. 08
Utah.....	5	218	140. 00	981. 62	135. 93	1, 257. 55
Vermont.....	85	1, 526	4, 300. 00	11, 344. 14	7, 436. 94	23, 081. 08
Virginia and North Carolina.....	28	346	125. 00	71. 64	70. 00	266. 64
Washington and Alaska.....	68	2, 442	33, 740. 00	3, 650. 46	6, 546. 28	43, 936. 74
West Virginia.....	29	870	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	191	4, 247	19, 308. 00	15, 281. 97	19, 514. 77	54, 104. 74
Total.....	5, 173	135, 931	1, 036, 154. 25	891, 829. 75	392, 609. 43	2, 320, 593. 43

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN.

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INDEPENDENCE HALL,  
*Philadelphia, Pa., August 10, 1917.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
*Adjutant General, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

COMRADE: I have the honor to make this, the twenty-second annual consecutive report of the work of my office for the year ending as above.

The closing of this year's work finds us just about ready to remove temporarily from our quarters in Independence Hall to a building provided by the city of Philadelphia for the use of the department of Pennsylvania, where we again are invited by them to share in their building until we can return to our original quarters, which the city is now engaged in restoring to its original Colonial condition.

I have nothing new to report about the work, everything going on as usual and supplies and blank forms being sent out on requisition to all the departments.

Full schedules of all supplies purchased, issued, and remaining on hand are included in the report of the quartermaster general.

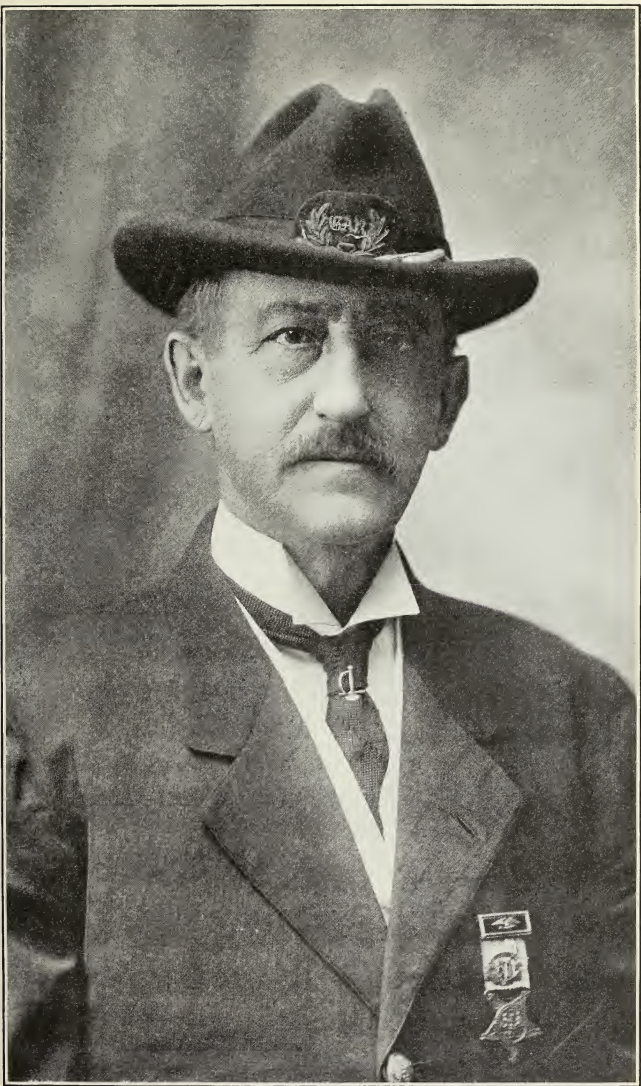
I have purchased and sent out, under the direction of the quartermaster general, all the supplies for the various departments, a full report of which appears in the report of the quartermaster general, and have also printed and sent out all the blank forms for reports as per schedule below:

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	21, 026
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I acknowledge with pleasure the kind and courteous treatment accorded to me by the commander in chief, by yourself, by the quartermaster general, and by all others with whom I have had official relations, and remain,

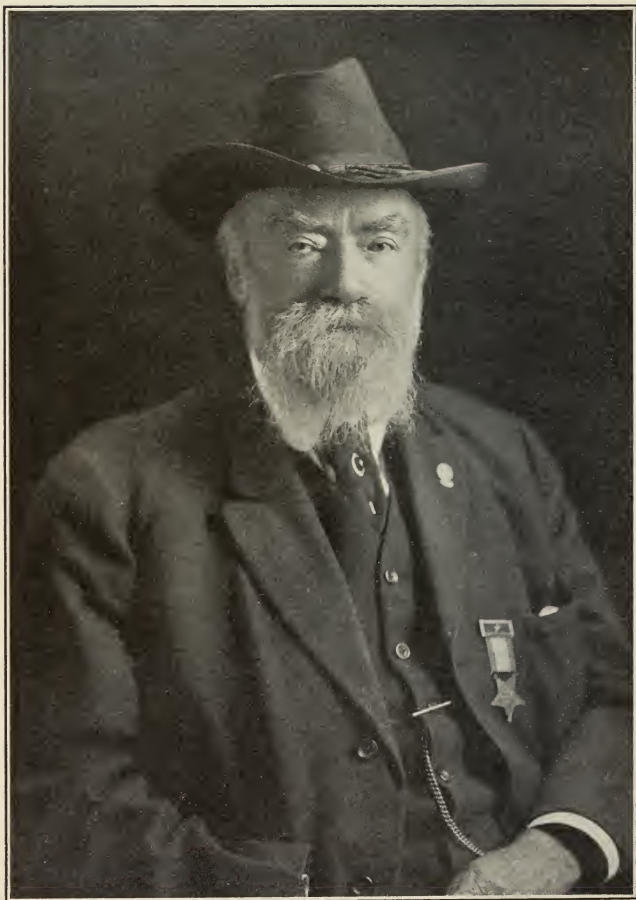
Yours, fraternally,

J. HENRY HOLCOMB,  
*Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.*



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Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian



RALZEMOND A. PARKER,  
Judge Advocate General.

## REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

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DETROIT, MICH., *July 21, 1917.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the honor to submit the following for my report as judge advocate general to W. J. Patterson, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I have had but two matters submitted to me by the commander in chief during my incumbency; those were questions arising in Iowa, and as the facts are stated in the following, which are copies of the opinions, I will not repeat them:

In response to statements transmitted from the adjutant general and derived from communications from the department of Iowa relative to the set of facts appearing in E. D. Duncan Post, No. 253, department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic, it was referred to me for an opinion, which was rendered as follows:

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

It appears that on July 3, 1911, post commander of said post died. The senior vice commander filled the chair for the remaining period of the term by reason of his being the ranking officer; but he was not elected as post commander and was not installed as such to fill the vacancy, as he might have been under Article VII, Chapter II, section 3, which provides:

Posts may fill any vacancies in their offices at any stated meeting, notice of such contemplated action having been given at a previous meeting.

The questions arising thereon are: (a) Is such senior vice commander entitled to a past commander's badge? (b) Is he entitled to have his name engraved on a loving cup as past commander?

The judge advocate of the department of Iowa held that the law of the Grand Army of the Republic makes installation an absolute prerequisite to the holding of or legal acting in office, and that even though justly and legally entitled to the office by election or otherwise, he must be installed before he becomes such officer; further, that as the senior vice commander was never installed as commander, he never became commander, and therefore is not entitled to any of the privileges or rights of the past commander.

### OPINION NO. 1.

The death of the commander created a vacancy in the office. This would seem to me something more than is provided in section 2,



Article VIII, Rules and Regulations, Blue Book, page 50, which provides:

The vice post commanders shall perform such duties as are required of them by the ritual (this, of course, means their specific duties provided the commander is present and acting), and in the absence of the commander shall take his place in the order of their rank.

The vice commander in the case in question, I shall assume, was installed as such, and in this installation he took his oath of office in accordance with the ritual in regard to such installation; this obligation was to perform the duties of vice post commander, and this, of course, included the duty of acting in the "absence" of the post commander. In the case of the death of the post commander he is not merely "absent," which word implies that there is an existing post commander absent from the meeting of the post; death destroys the incumbent of the office entirely, so that there is no post commander.

However this may be, in fact it has been assumed that the "absence" of the post commander included both a vacancy in the office and a mere absence from the meeting of the post through sickness or any other disability. In the case of the death or resignation of the commander the post is authorized to fill the "vacancy" by an election at any stated meeting on proper notice (Ch. II, Art. VII, sec. 3). This provision, I think, is inconsistent with an automatic filling of the vacancy by promotion, so called, of the vice commander to the office of commander. In case such vacancy was filled by an election, such newly elected commander would be installed and take his oath of office. The fact that the senior vice commander acts as post commander does not constitute him a post commander without such election and installation, because there is no automatic change in the office from senior vice post commander to post commander.

I can not construe the rules and regulations in any other light, because if they had been capable of such construction there would have been provided, first, that the senior vice commander should automatically take the place and be entitled to the emoluments of the post commander; or, second, possibly in the alternative that the post might elect a new post commander. I am confirmed in this by the facts that, first, there is such a provision as to automatic succession in regard to department commanders and the vice department commanders, and also the commander in chief and the vice commanders in chief.

As to the department commanders and vacancies in their offices, it is provided:

In the event of the vacancy in the office of the department commander, the senior vice commander shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office, and the junior vice commander shall succeed to the title and duties of the senior vice commander. (See sec. 2, Art. VI, R. & R., Blue Book, p. 67.)

As to the national officers, it is provided:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief shall at once succeed to the title and duties of the position and the junior vice commander in chief shall become senior vice commander in chief. In the event of a vacancy in the office of senior vice commander in chief, the junior vice commander in chief shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office.



While it is true that these provisions as regards departments and national officers may have their base in the fact that the departments and the national bodies do not have a succession of meetings to do business and do not have the opportunity, therefore, of electing officers to fill vacancies by a vote as in the post, yet the fact that the provisions of the rules and regulations in regard to posts differ from these just considered and do not have any provision of a like character clearly indicates that the intention was that the post should control the matter by filling the vacancy by election, if desired, where such vacancy exists, as in this case. I say, "if desired," because a question may arise as to whether they might not be compelled to fill the vacancy, inasmuch as the provision in regard to the duties of the vice commanders only extends to their acting in the place of the post commanders in the event of the absence of such post commander, and does not extend to a vacancy in the office of such post commander. Upon this point I do not express any opinion, as it is not necessary to do so.

I am therefore of the opinion that the senior vice commander of the post referred to is not entitled to the privileges or rights of a past commander.

While this answers the question, there appears to be a further question raised by the adjutant of such post as to whether he is entitled to a past commander's badge and have his name engraved on a loving cup.

I have already answered the first part of this question by saying that he is not entitled to any of the past commander's privileges and therefore would not be entitled to a past commander's badge.

As to the loving cup, it would be improper to engrave his name upon it as "past commander," but it would be perfectly proper to give him any recognition for his services that the post desired that was not inconsistent with his legal position. They may set out his services in full regarding his acting in the place of the commander if they choose to do so. There is nothing in the rules and regulations that prevents any testimonial being given to any of the officers of the post which the post chooses to give, provided they do not misrepresent the legal position of the recipient thereof.

Personally, I think this is a somewhat hard case, and due perhaps to a misunderstanding of the rules and regulations. It is unfortunate that the vice commander was not elected as post commander to fill the vacancy. It is true also that the matter is largely a matter of form and the reward of the senior vice commander's services ought to be adequately given. Nevertheless, I can not depart from what clearly appears to me to be the rules and regulations in the matter, because if we commence departing from the rules and regulations, even though upon principles of equity, we would never know where to stop.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The question is before me as to whether the members of the Nebraska Mounted Militia, First Brigade, are entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

## OPINION NO. 2.

The records of the State of Nebraska on file at headquarters of the adjutant general's department of that State show the Nebraska Mounted Militia were mustered in the service of the State at Omaha, Nebr., August 30, 1864, for 60 days and were mustered out at Omaha, November 12, 1864. The records of the State do not show that this organization entered the active service of the United States at any time or came under the orders of United States general officers at any time prior to April 9, 1865. In the War Department at Washington, D. C., the Adjutant General's Office also states that the records of the office show that the Nebraska Mounted Militia, First Brigade, were never mustered in the service of the United States. Further, no pension or pension certificates have ever been granted to a member of that organization.

The rules and regulations regarding membership provide as follows, that:

Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and of such State regiments as were called into regular service and subject to the orders of United States general officers between the dates mentioned and having been honorably discharged therefrom after good service, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

The encampment of April 6, 1869, made the provision that such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of United States general officers, and having been honorably discharged, should be eligible to membership.

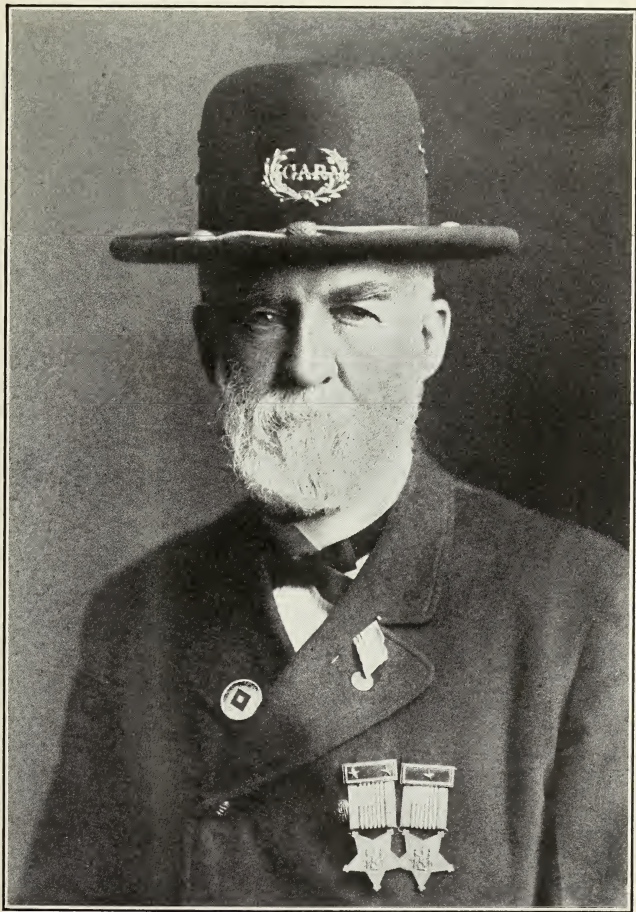
Under the statement of facts as given me, members of the Nebraska Mounted Militia, First Brigade, are not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. It does not appear that they were in the service of the United States or under the command of United States officers, but on the contrary it appears to affirmatively appear that they were not in the service of the United States nor under the command of any of the general officers of the United States, and therefore they do not comply with the condition specified in Article IV for the State regiments. I am constrained to hold that State regiments called into the service of the State only, not in active service under the orders of United States officers, are not eligible to become members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A number of communications were received by me from subordinate officers and from posts which, however, under the Rules and Regulations I could not answer officially. Comrades and assistant adjutants general should understand that the judge advocate general is the commander in chief's advisory officer and that the Rules and Regulations prescribe how matters shall be submitted. Following the Rules and Regulations, such matters can be brought to the attention of the commander in chief regularly and then submitted to the judge advocate general for his opinion and for the action of the commander in chief thereon.

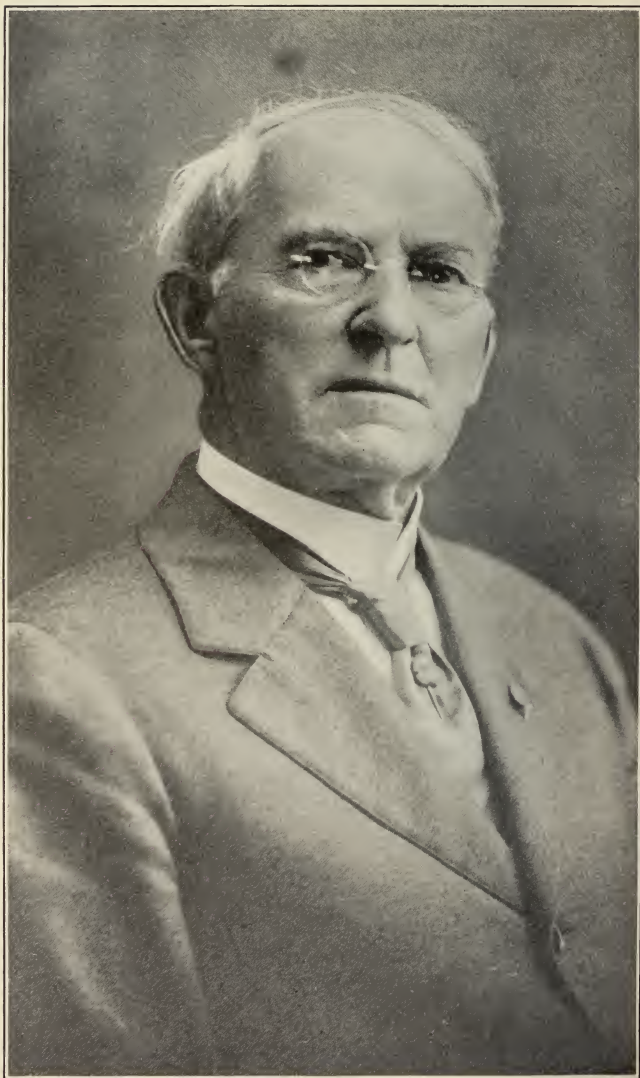
In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy which I have experienced as an officer of the Grand Army and especially from the commander in chief.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

R. A. PARKER,  
*Judge Advocate General.*



CHARLES H. HASKINS,  
Inspector General.



URIAH SEELY,  
National Patriotic Instructor.



## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL., *July 11, 1917.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

*Pittsburgh, Pa.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: I herewith tender a report of my work as inspector general on the staff of Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson.

I recommended for appointment as assistant inspector general a comrade from each department and have sent blanks to all and have received returns from nearly all of them in good shape, and I want to thank all of them for the prompt and splendid manner in which they performed their work. Our relations have been most cordial and I hope to have the pleasure to meet them all personally.

I find our grand order in fine condition, and the work well done, considering our age and thinning ranks.

I recommend that in future assistant inspectors general be appointed very early in the year and uniform blanks be sent to them so they may have time to do their work more thoroughly and satisfactorily to themselves as well as to the inspector general.

I have personally, with the assistant inspector general of this department, J. L. Blair, inspected the National Soldiers' Home for Disabled Veterans, located in Los Angeles County, Cal., and found everything in first-class condition, and our comrades well cared for in their declining years and all done for them that can possibly be done by a competent staff of which our Comrade P. H. Barry is the head. Gov. Barry lost his good right arm in front of Petersburg. He is the best-loved comrade in California, and it is the prayer of all who know of him and his good work that he may be spared many years to serve those who love him.

I was highly honored by the commander in chief in being delegated by him to represent him at the encampment of the department of California and Nevada in May, which I greatly appreciated. A fine encampment was held, and I was received with all the honor due his representative.

With many thanks to Comrade W. J. Patterson, commander in chief, for the honor of being associated with him on his staff, and to yourself for the many courtesies and true comradeship that you have at all times extended to me, I am,

Fraternally,

CHARLES H. HASKINS,  
*Inspector General.*

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

NEWARK, N. J., July 25, 1917.

H. B. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In submitting my second annual report as national patriotic instructor, I desire to express my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief in reappointing me to this important office. I assure you I have endeavored to the utmost of my ability to discharge the duties incumbent upon me.

In order that I might be more correctly informed of names and addresses of the department patriotic instructors—not appearing on my mailing list—I addressed a holograph letter to each department commander to put me in touch with their department patriotic instructors and urged the cooperation of each department in this most important work, made possible by the services of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As usual, I left my Newark home early in the fall for my winter residence in Florida, where I always find a wide and inviting field for service, both to help the struggling members of our order and to supply the ever-increasing demands for service and for flags.

I am very happy to say that my appeals to the press—both secular and religious—have always met with a hearty cooperation. Schools, churches, theaters, patriotic societies, and prominent citizens have seemed to conspire to assist me in my work.

Veterans who wore the blue and veterans who wore the gray united with me in patriotic exercises, all of which is very inspiring to me and must be to all true Americans. I append here a copy of a patriotic creed which I got up for use in schools, and I am very glad to say the prep-patriotic societies North and South commend it.

### A PATRIOTIC CREED FOR LOYAL AMERICANS.

I am an American, and love my country.

I love my country because it is opposed to tyranny and unjust privilege.

I love my country because it is a democracy in fact, where the people govern themselves.

I love my country because it is governed by laws and not by official favor.

I love my country because it stands for honorable peace and has no desire to annex other lands or territory by conquest.

I love my country because it asks for itself nothing that it would not ask for all humanity.

I love my country because it is the land of opportunity for all, regardless of birth or circumstances.

I love my country because women are honored and respected.

I love my country because it respects labor and holds the drone in disfavor.

I love my country because of its free public schools and because it extends the rights and privileges of native citizens to all who obey the laws, and interferes with no man's religion.

I love my country because I can live my own life, and where no man is good enough to govern another man without that other man's consent.

I love my country because it reveres the memory of those who sacrificed unto death that she might live, and does not forget to honor those who survived the carnage of war in defense of my country and her flag, which I also stand ready to defend with my life if need be.

I have also furnished copies of Edward Hale's brochure, *A Man Without a Country*.



My prayer is that we of the Grand Army and our auxiliaries may live and equip ourselves for the near and great future—when peace shall once more bless the world.

I am reminded that I must not impose on time nor space in my report. Still I will say, with the small balance of the flag fund from last year and my own contributions and the help from the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Daughters of Veterans, I was able to fill most all of the demands and that these occasions were always accompanied by patriotic public observances, and it is inspiring to know that these lessons of the G. A. R. will be preaching patriotism when we as individuals may be forgotten.

Float on dear old flag, our Nation's greatest joy—  
Thy starry folds no despot shall destroy;  
Stretch out thine arms till wars forever cease—  
And all the world is universal peace.

Twenty-odd million boys and girls under the influence of over half a million good men and women—all inspired with love for our country and her flag—is an augury for the future that should gladden the heart of every American.

I wish I could report some of the beautiful letters and expressions to me, as the representative of the G. A. R., from schools, colleges, etc., and I exceedingly regret that I was not able to fill all requests. Surely Flag Day this year received a new inspiration, and I am sure every man who wore the blue and every man who wore the gray must and does congratulate President Wilson for his beautiful address on Flag Day; and, last but not least, let me implore my comrades to give attention to placing the immortal address of President Lincoln at Gettysburg in every State capitol, municipal building, high school, and on the State and county boundary lines of the great Lincoln Highway from Maine to California. To me this seems an important matter and should appeal to my comrades. It is cast in bronze on a large marble slab and is indorsed and authorized by the National Grand Army.

I thank my Heavenly Father for all the blessings to me through the past two years and for the pleasant associations of my good comrades and helpers.

And I thank them for their support and manifest love.

And I pray that we may all be found at our post of duty when summoned for muster out.

Unable to iterate the good reports of my comrades—still I am glad to retain them as pleasant mementos—from my dear comrades in their labors of love—for God and home and native land.

At the Forty-ninth National Encampment, held at Washington, a resolution was adopted making an appropriation of "from seventy-five to one hundred dollars" for the expenses of the patriotic instructor's office. As I was able to bear my own traveling expenses I did not need this appropriation, and have drawn on it to a limited extent, and only to reimburse me for expenditures made for printing and postage used in my official capacity, which, with the vouchers therefor, were as follows: Printing bills, \$20.65; postage, \$10; total, \$30.65.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.

URIAH SEELY,  
*National Patriotic Instructor G. A. R.*

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

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MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 1, 1917.

W. J. PATTERSON,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I desire at this time to extend to you my hearty and sincere appreciation of the very high honor you conferred upon me in appointing me as your chief of staff. I have endeavored to fill this high office under your administration to the very best of my ability and with credit not only to myself, but to him under whom I was serving. It certainly is an honor to be chief of staff under a commanding officer who has the high Army record which you bear.

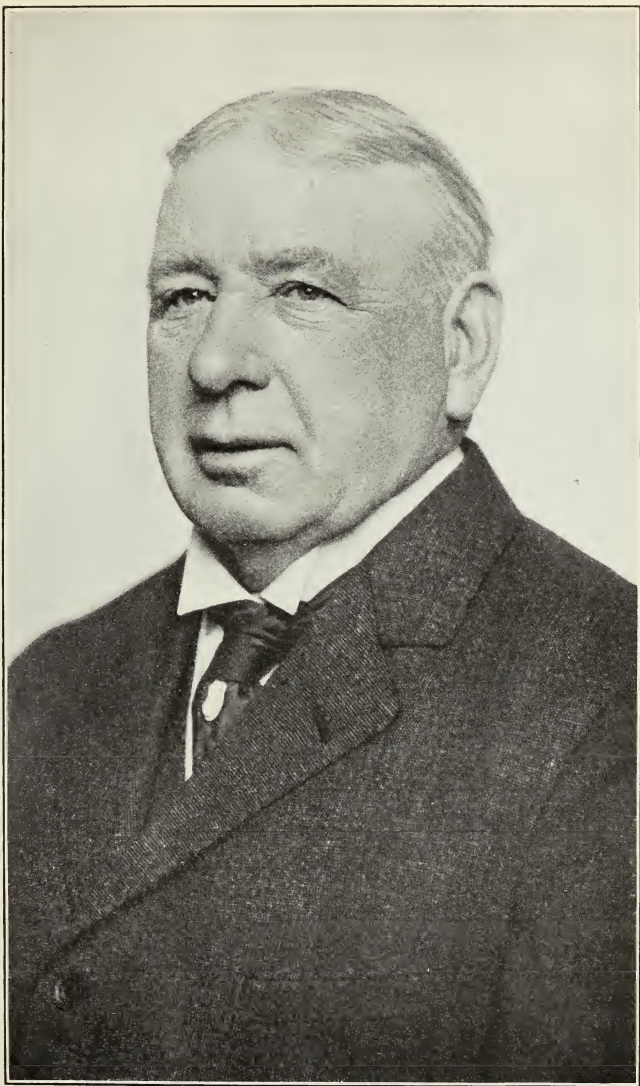
It was my pleasure to be able to meet you at Boston in April, where arrangements were made for the national encampment, and again to meet you and your adjutant general, H. H. Bengough, at the encampment of the Department of Ohio at Akron in June. I was very sorry that I could not accept your kind invitation to accompany you to the encampments of several eastern departments in April, on account of the severe cold from which I was suffering.

My visit to headquarters in Pittsburgh in July was a very pleasant and agreeable duty. I found all of the comrades in charge of the Allegheny County Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Building very kind and courteous, and the comrades of Allegheny County are to be congratulated upon such a magnificent building, perfect as it is in every detail.

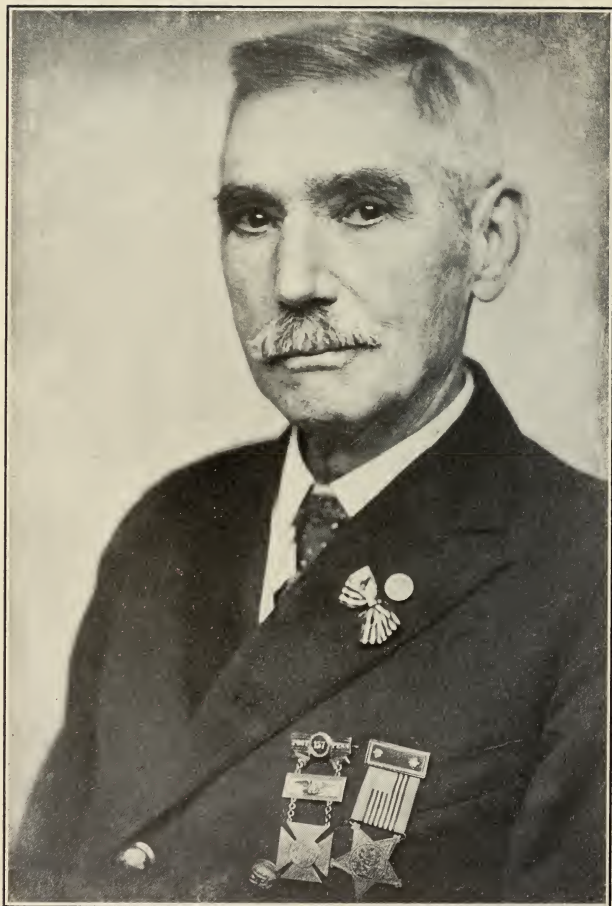
In closing this report, my dear commander, I bespeak for and sincerely wish you a very long and prosperous business career, always remembering for myself with the greatest pleasure my official relations with you and the splendid organization surrounding you.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

W. M. HAHN, *Chief of Staff.*



WILLIAM M. HAHN,  
Chief of Staff.



B. J. COLL  
Senior Aid-de-Camp.

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR AID-DE-CAMP.

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PITTSBURGH, PA., July 28, 1917.

H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am very grateful to our commander in chief and I can not express in fitting language my appreciation of the very high honor conferred upon me by him in appointing me his senior aid. I appreciate the honor more, if that were possible, for the reason that our commander in chief commanded the company in which I had the honor of serving during the War of the Rebellion.

There is but little for me to report, but in this connection I desire to say that I was ready to obey every order intrusted to me.

It was to me a great pleasure to accompany the commander in chief to the department encampment of Pennsylvania held in Johnstown, Pa., last June, where the commander in chief was cordially and warmly received by all the comrades.

I deem it only proper at this time, my dear adjutant general, to extend to you my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

B. J. COLL,  
*Senior Aid-de-Camp.*



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND.

*Account of Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer permanent fund, national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, period Aug. 1, 1916, to Aug. 1, 1917.*

### DEBIT.

1916.		
Aug. 1.	Balance on hand on deposit with the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., Philadelphia, as reported to national encampment, 1916-----	\$1, 838. 73
Sept. 7.	Deposit, donation, Sons of Veterans' Auxilliary-----	250. 00
	Deposit, donation, Daughters of Veterans-----	500. 00
1917.		
Jan. 19.	Deposit, from estate Samuel S. Burdett, past commander in chief-----	\$500. 00
	Accrued interest on above-----	30. 58
		530. 58
Mar. 7.	Deposit, income account:	
	Sept. 7, 1916, balance previous statement-----	90. 00
	Nov. 1, 1916, interest on New York City loans-----	517. 50
	Dec. 30, 1916, interest on city of Philadelphia 4's-----	40. 00
	Jan. 2, 1917, interest on city of Philadelphia 4's-----	126. 00
	Feb. 21, 1917, interest on city of Cleveland 4½'s-----	90. 00
		863. 50
	Compensation of trust company-----	43. 17
		820. 33
May 1.	Interest on corporate stock, city of New York 4½'s-----	517. 50
June 29.	Interest on city of Philadelphia 4's-----	50. 00
July 2.	Interest on city of Philadelphia 4's-----	146. 00
		713. 50
	Compensation of trust company-----	35. 68
		677. 82
	Interest on deposits from May 22, 1916, to July 15, 1917-----	45. 22
		723. 04
		4, 662.68

### CREDIT.

1917.		
Mar. 7.	Check to the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., account of investment \$1,000—city of Philadelphia registered 4's, at 102½, and accrued interest-----	1, 033. 36
Mar. 8.	Purchase \$500, city of Philadelphia registered 4's, at 102½, and accrued interest (\$3.67) less commission (63 cents)-----	516. 80
Mar. 31.	Check to order quartermaster general, requisition of commander in chief-----	1, 500. 00
July 31.	Check to order quartermaster general, requisition of commander in chief-----	500. 00
		3, 550. 16
	Balance on deposit with the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., to credit of Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer, etc--	1, 112. 52
	M. J. CUMMINGS, <i>Department of New York,</i> W. R. WARNOCK, <i>Department of Ohio,</i> THOMAS J. STEWART, <i>Department of Pennsylvania,</i> <i>Trustees, Permanent Fund, National Encampment, G. A. R.</i>	

AUGUST 1, 1917.

*Account of the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, surety for Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

## PRINCIPAL.

## DEBIT.

1916.

Aug. 1. To balance per account rendered, consisting of corporate stock of the city of New York, payable May 1, 1957-----	\$21,000.00
Corporate stock of the city of New York, to provide for the supply of water, payable Nov. 1, 1957-----	1,000.00
Corporate stock of the city of New York, to provide for the supply of water, payable May 1, 1957-----	1,000.00
Board of education of the city school district of the city of Cleveland building improvement bonds, payable Aug. 31, 1931-----	4,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent bonds, payable July 1, 1941--	2,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of July 14, 1910-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of July 1, 1909-----	3,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of Feb. 9, 1907-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of Apr. 15, 1908-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of Oct. 1, 1906-----	300.00
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	35,300.00

To securities deposited by Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer, as follows:

1917.

Mar. 8. City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of Feb. 25, 1913-----	\$1,000.00
Mar. 9. City of Philadelphia 4 per cent loan of Feb. 25, 1913-----	500.00
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	1,500.00
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	36,800.00

## CREDIT.

1917.

July 15. By balance, consisting of investments as above-----	36,800.00
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## CERTIFICATE OF REAL ESTATE TITLE INSURANCE &amp; TRUST CO.

It is hereby certified that the following securities are held by the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., of Philadelphia, surety for Thomas J. Stewart, treasurer of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Corporate stock of the city of New York, due May 1, 1957-----	\$21,000
Corporate stock of the city of New York, to provide for the supply of water, due Nov. 1, 1957-----	1,000
Corporate stock of the city of New York, to provide for the supply of water, due May 1, 1957-----	1,000
Board of Education of the city school district of the city of Cleveland building improvement bonds, due Aug. 21, 1931-----	4,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent coupon bonds, loan of June 19, 1911, due July 1, 1941-----	2,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of July 14, 1910-----	1,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of July 1, 1909-----	3,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Feb. 9, 1907-----	1,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Apr. 15, 1908-----	1,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Oct. 1, 1906-----	300
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Feb. 25, 1913-----	1,000
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent coupon bond, loan of Feb. 25, 1913, due Nov. 1, 1944-----	500
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	36,800

THE REAL ESTATE TITLE INSURANCE & TRUST Co.  
OF PHILADELPHIA.  
A. KING DICKSON, Assistant Trust Officer.

JULY 31, 1917.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

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ALBION, MICH., *August 1, 1917.*

Comrade H. H. BENGOUGH,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: When the Fiftieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in Kansas City, Mo., one year ago this month, the widow's pension bill had passed the House of Representatives and been favorably reported to the Senate by the Pension Committee of that body.

Subsequent to the encampment it passed the Senate and received the approval of the President. That law placed upon the statute books of the Nation the most liberal piece of legislation ever enacted by our own or any other Government in favor of the widows of a country's defenders.

The general printing bill did not pass, hence a provision it contained for the regular annual printing of the journal of this encampment did not become a law, but by the authority of a concurrent resolution passed by both Houses of Congress the proceedings of the Kansas City encampment were printed by the Government.

During the short session of the last Congress none of the bills of a general nature introduced in behalf of comrades or the widows of our comrades and brought forward from the previous long session became a law.

During the present extraordinary session no legislation save that which pertains directly or indirectly to existing war conditions has been or is likely to be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

WASHINGTON GARDNER, *Chairman.*

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**RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,**

**HELD IN**  
**MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON, MASS.,**  
**MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20, 1917, 8 P. M.**

**EX-GOVERNOR JOHN L. BATES, CHAIRMAN GENERAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDING.**

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Ben Teel's Orchestra, of Boston, played a number of selections while the audience was assembling and waiting for the arrival of the speakers, after which Miss Grace Hamlin led the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The audience was called to order by the chairman at 8.40 and the invocation delivered by Rev. Dr. Philip A. Nordell, assistant adjutant general of the department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, as follows:

Shall we unite in prayer.

O God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we as Thy children may look up unto Thee this night and rejoice in the fact that Thou hast made us in Thine own likeness and in Thine own image. We thank Thee that we are formed after Thee and may live the life for which Thou hast designed us. Thou hast placed us in families and in societies that our lives may not be solitary. Thou hast given us opportunities of service that we may live, not for ourselves, but that we may glorify these lives of ours by serving others around us and so become a blessing to our day and generation. We thank Thee for the opportunity of service that these, Thy servants in the years gone by, have been permitted to render in the time of our country's need and peril. As we look back upon those days with joy and with gladness we, too, are grateful for the service we were able to render then. We thank Thee for the country which we were permitted to serve. We thank Thee for the flag that floats over us. We thank Thee for all that it stands for and for all that it signifies. We bless Thee that it floats over a land of the free and a home of the brave; and we thank Thee that we are permitted to gather together to-night, a large company here, who in those days of peril and of stress and of storm were permitted to offer ourselves, our lives, all that we had and all that we hoped to be, for the service of our country.

We beseech Thee that our example then may be an inspiration to the young men of our day. Grant that they who are now facing a crisis, perhaps greater even than that which we faced, may do so with courage and with loyalty. And grant that this great country of ours may emerge from the perils and the temptations that beset it at the present time, crowned with peace, with glory, and become in the years to come, as in the years past, a beacon light to the nations of the earth.

And so may Thy blessing and Thy guidance be vouchsafed unto our chief executive, the President of the United States, and all others with him in authority. Endow him plenteously with wisdom from on high, and grant that all that they devise and plan may be for the welfare of the country and for all that is best and noblest in this time of peril. Grant that we may, all of us, in whatever sphere we are placed, whether obscure or prominent, do what we can in service of our country. Grant that we may feel that here again we have the opportunity not to live for ourselves, but for the maintenance and the realization of high and noble ideals that shall be for not only the uplifting of our own land but for the crowning of our entire humanity with the peace that passeth all understanding, the peace that is vouchsafed us by Christ, our Lord, who is the Prince of Peace. All of which we ask in His name. Amen.

The invocation was followed by a chanting of the Lord's prayer by the Lotus Quartette, of Boston.

*Ratio* The CHAIRMAN. There has fallen to my lot a most pleasant privilege. It is that of saying a word of welcome to Commander Patterson, to all members of the Grand Army, to the Woman's Relief Corps, and to all the allied organizations, and to say that word of welcome on behalf of the committee that has had in charge the arrangements. They honored me by making me chairman of the general committee, and then gave me such a staff of officers, so efficient, so many, so willing to serve in this patriotic cause that from the time I was made chairman down to the present time I have been relieved of all duties. I make this candid confession in order that if you have any complaints to make, you may not make them against the workers but you may make them against me, because I think there should be some duty that I should discharge, and if it is only a buffer I will be glad to discharge even that duty.

I want to say, however, on behalf of that committee, that if there is anything that is omitted that would add to your pleasure or your comfort, while you stay in this city, just kindly make it known and we will see that the omission exists no longer.

You not only are welcome, but we are honored by your presence. We desire to do everything to attest the cordiality of our greetings.

It was back in 1871 when the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization first came to Massachusetts. If you will look up the newspaper files of that time you will find that the organization, then five years old, was represented by 68 delegates, and that they met in a small room, which was amply large enough to accommodate them. But you will also read on the list of those who were present some of the great names of the Union Army, Gen. Burnside, Gen. Hooker, Gen. Pleasanton, Gen. Logan, and several others of the men whose names had become famous. It was said that at that time there were

more of the leaders of the Civil War in Boston than there had ever been before or than there has been since.

In 1878 this same organization held its convention in the city of Springfield in this State. They then had 85 delegates present, and the Springfield Republican said that there were 700 men in line in the parade.

It was only 12 years later, in 1890, when the organization again met in the city of Boston, and our streets fairly trembled beneath the tread of 40,000 veterans of the Army that had saved the Republic. [Applause]. So large had the organization grown that its total membership at that time was said to be half a million.

Fourteen years later, in 1904, 13 years ago, I had the pleasure of standing on this platform and saying a word of welcome to them again. Then, too, we missed many who had been with us before. In 1890 there had been here President Harrison, Vice President Morton, Private McKinley, Gen. Alger, and many another whose name had become famous after the war had closed. But in 1904 we missed those men for the most part. Still we had the veterans marching in our streets by the tens of thousands, and this hall seems, as I remember it, to have been solidly packed in the blue uniform of the veteran.

I would feel a little lonely to-night as I remember those who were on the platform at that time if I thought of them simply as having left vacant places. But there are reasons why we do not feel lonely even though the numbers may be diminishing. There are reasons why all of these occasions are occasions of rejoicing, notwithstanding the thinning of the ranks.

We welcomed them in 1871 because they had saved the Republic, because they had made possible the abolition of slavery in America. And so we did, too, on those subsequent occasions when they came here. But each time that they came the horizon had broadened and we saw that there was more and more that we as a Nation owed to these brave men and to the comrades who had fought with them.

And the horizon was never so broad as it is to-night. In the old days we said they had abolished slavery from the United States. We see now that it meant the abolition of slavery throughout the civilized world. [Applause.] We said in the old days that they had saved America, and we thought it had been saved for us. We find to-day that America was saved because she had a mission—an unselfish mission that is as large as the world itself. We said in the old days that they had saved to this great Republic the principle of representative government; they had vindicated it and shown that it could maintain itself. We did not know that they had done this for the world. But we see now how the whole world has taken up the same principle and how all are seeking to make their own liberties safe through it. We said then that it had preserved a constitutional form of government for us. We see now that 1,600,000,000, or fifteen-sixteenths of the world's population, are lining up in this great hour of humanity's crisis, lining up for constitutional representative government to make the democracy that these veterans saved for America sure for all humanity. [Applause.]

The horizon has broadened and the earth itself can hardly contain the picture of what has followed as the result of the winning of the victories from '61 to '65.

Had the war been lost America could never have fulfilled the destiny that she is fulfilling to-night as the champion of human rights. [Applause.] Had it been lost democracy could never have become what it is, liberty's guiding principle of the world and the one for which nearly all the world was ready to fight. It is a broad horizon, and because they have been such factors not only in our national life but in the life of all the nations as we see them to-day we are glad to welcome them in this supreme hour of the Nation's existence. And we are glad to have the opportunity of witnessing again the same spirit manifested by them and of finding that it is manifested by the young men of to-day; that the examples of '61 to '65 are being followed to-day to the end that the children shall carry on the work that the fathers began.

I said that we did not feel lonely, although we see the vacant chairs, because there was occasion for rejoicing, and I have indicated the reason for the occasion for the rejoicing. It is because the work that they did was so great that it has made them not dead heroes but immortals, and we can almost feel the truth of what the poet has said when he cried out:

And dare ye call that dying—that dignity sublime,  
Which gains a furlough from the grave and then reports to time?  
Doth the earth give up the daisies to a little sun and rain,  
And keep at their feet the heroes while weary ages wane?  
Sling up thy trumpet, Gabriel, sweet bugler of our God!  
For nothing waits thy summons beneath the broken sod;  
For the dearest of these heroes has as silently rent the clod  
As the clouds break into flowers when the sun shines o'er the bar  
Or heaven breaks out of the blue and comes out star by star.

Dead! No. Immortals!

They march abreast of the ages with the thunder on the right,  
For they bade the world "Good morning," when the world had said  
"Good night."

[Applause.]

We shall now be favored with a selection by the Lotus Glee Club.

The Lotus Glee Club sang the Marseillaise, which was loudly cheered, after which they gave Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground as an encore.

The CHAIRMAN. The welcome will now be presented by the live wire of the city, otherwise known as his honor Mayor James M. Curley.

Mayor Curley spoke as follows:

Worthy Commander, general chairman, ladies and gentlemen, it is indeed an exceeding pleasure as mayor of the city to participate with the other 800,000 inhabitants of Boston in extending to the survivors of the mighty host who, in response to the emancipator, Abraham Lincoln [applause], more than a half century ago pointed the road to true patriotism and to the highest type of Americanism. [Applause.]

It is, indeed, a pleasure to welcome the survivors of the great army through whose services every State was maintained in the Union and every star in Old Glory and the Declaration of Independence made a fact rather than a theory in the extension of equality to all men. [Applause.] I am, indeed, pleased as one who has filled public office perhaps a little longer than is altogether square when



you consider the number of applicants for public place, but it is an exceeding pleasure to be here and to say that in 18 years of public life I have never had occasion to regret a vote cast in favor of equity for the men who saved the Union. [Applause.] I had the extreme pleasure six years ago, as a Member of Congress, in joining with that gallant old soldier from Ohio, Gen. Sherwood [applause] in doing tardy justice to the old soldier. The Sherwood pension bill should have been on the statute books 40 years ago. [Applause.] And I thank God it is on there now and that I helped to make it here. [Applause.]

You are coming as our guests. You are going to be with us for one week. We will open our hearts to you. We welcome you not only for the service you rendered from '61 to '65, but for the splendid, sterling, and virile character of patriotism that you have diffused in every section of this land since '65. [Applause.]

You were heroes from '61 to '65. You have been the ideal Americans from '65 until now and will continue to be until the last muster roll of the Almighty. [Applause.]

I was anxious to have you come to Boston. This great war was in progress a year ago, when the invitation was extended, and, while there was no definite means of knowing that America would become involved at that time, there was an absolute certainty that soon or late America must take the one position open for the preservation of human liberty in this world and for the maintenance of democratic institutions. [Applause.] There never has been a great crisis in the world's history when Boston has failed to send forth to all America and to the world a vibrant and a necessary message. You have a message to-morrow in your parade, and your message is that no man worthy of the name of "American citizen" can be anywhere but undividedly and loyally behind the present leader of the American people, Woodrow Wilson. [Applause.] He is the chief of the Nation, as the commander here is the chief of the Grand Army; and whether we will it or no, whether we like it or dislike it, there is one place for loyal America and that place is where you men were 56 years ago, on the line, for Nation, for the Flag, for victory. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. The next greetings will be presented by one who was a gallant soldier of the war from '61 to '65, and who since that time has been one of the citizens that Massachusetts has delighted to honor. Commander Daniel E. Denny will present the greetings of the department of Massachusetts.

Department Commander DANIEL E. DENNY. Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, allied bodies, comrades, and friends, it is certainly an honor and a pleasure for me as the department commander of the Massachusetts department of the Grand Army of the Republic to stand here and extend to you to-night upon this occasion a right royal welcome to the Department of Massachusetts. The Department of Massachusetts feels honored to-night to think that we are the host and that my comrades from all over this country are our guests. The executive committee have labored for weeks, as your chairman has stated, to prepare for this occasion and to arrange the details; and we hope that you will have an enjoyable week and that you will go away from Boston with the most pleasant memories of this occasion.

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Massachusetts feels honored to have you here, and we of Massachusetts may feel that we have a right to feel proud of our State. There is no State in this Union that has so much history connected with it as has Massachusetts, and Boston, the Hub of the Universe, stands preeminent in that way. We have here in Massachusetts, as I say, history that we are proud of. It was here in Boston and within a short distance of where we are meeting that the first opposition to the British Crown was exerted, and here in Boston is where the tea was thrown over as a protest against taxation without representation. And we have in Boston to-day the old North Church, which has been preserved down to this time and from whose belfry was hung that lantern that guided Paul Revere, and you comrades on next Thursday will be taken over the same route that was taken by Paul Revere to arouse the country and tell them that the British were coming. And within sight of this building is the Bunker Hill Monument, upon whose ground was fought the first battle of the Revolution, and although it was a defeat in a military sense, yet it was a victory in a way, that it aroused the country to save and make it what it is to-day. And we have Faneuil Hall, a building of which Bostonians and Massachusetts are justly proud, and from whose platform more eloquence has gone forth than from any platform of any public hall in this country. And I might go on and tell you many things of which Massachusetts and Boston are proud. We are proud of our statehouse, the oldest legislative building in the world, and within, the council chamber, and we hope that you comrades will visit it. You will see there the flags that were in Massachusetts before the adoption of Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes. Comrades, I might go on and tell you many things of which we Massachusetts men are proud. We are proud of the State. We are glad to praise and sound its glories, and as commander here to-night I am doubly proud to receive my comrades and my friends of the Woman's Relief Corps and the allied bodies here to-night. And as I said before, we want you to go away from Boston feeling that you have had the time of your life, and if you don't it is no fault of the committee. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. The next speaker is one known better to you than to me. He was a captain in the Union Army. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Gaines Mill, but he must have escaped, for he was wounded again at Fredericksburg and wounded yet again at Gettysburg. After the war he became one of the leading business men of one of the great cities of Pennsylvania. But notwithstanding the demands of those private interests in which he was engaged he found much time to devote to this organization and to the veterans, the comrades who had served with him. They came to love him and they have made him their commander in chief, and him I now present to you, and he will preside for the rest of the evening, Commander in Chief William J. Patterson, of Pittsburgh. [Applause].

The comrades present, led by Comrade J. Payson Bradley, of Boston, stood up and gave three rousing cheers for the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief W. J. PATTERSON, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Chairmen, comrades, and ladies: I have faced a good many large audiences in the last eight months, but I think this is the crowning feature in that direction. In facing such a magnificent audience as



there is here to-night I want to say that in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic I want to thank the people of Boston and of Massachusetts for the royal reception tendered to our organization at this national encampment. We come here as your guests. You have promised us great things. We expect great things. But what we see and what we have thus far experienced goes beyond our expectations. We come to Boston as representatives of the several departments all over our great country. We come here as your guests, and we come bringing greetings from all sections of the country to the city, this patriotic city that has been so prominent in all the great affairs of the country. I want to thank those who have so graciously expressed your appreciation of our visit and express our appreciation of what you have done for us and tendered to us. I do not expect and do not want to consume any time here to-night. I want to make my remarks extremely brief so that we may get through in good time. We were late to-night in getting started, lost more than a half an hour in getting out on the stage, and we will have to make that up by cutting the addresses short. So we will now proceed with the program by asking Miss Grace Hamlin to sing for us.

Miss Grace Hamlin, of Boston, sang "I love you only" and "Silver threads among the gold," both numbers being heartily applauded.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. In our Army service we had one body of women that we held very dear to our comradeship—those who cared for the sick and wounded. That organization, known as the Army Nurses, stands very close to the Grand Army of the Republic, and we now want to hear some words from the national president of that association, Mrs. Alice Cary Risley.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, president of the Army Nurses, Jefferson City, Mo. Again it becomes my great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Army Nurses of the Civil War. We want you to have visible evidence that we are still with you; that we have not forgotten you; and we hope you have not forgotten us. Such friendships as ours are not built in these strenuous days. You were boys then and we were girls. The ties formed in the days of '61 to '65 were so closely cemented they will endure until the end of time. When I say the end of time I speak advisedly, for when you have given the countersign, when you have passed the picket line, when you have solved that wonderful problem—the deepest, the strangest, the last—an Army nurse will be there, perhaps the one who tenderly nursed you in hospital or on battle field, ready to extend to you the glad hand of welcome. And so the bonds born in pain and anguish will endure until the end of time. Comrades, our ranks, like yours, are thinning rapidly. There is only a small remnant able to attend these encampments. There are 21 registered at the Westminster Hotel, where we will hold a reception on Wednesday evening from 8 until 10, and you are all cordially welcome and invited to be with us—the Grand Army of the Republic and all allied associations.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask our comrade, Gen. Miles, to respond.

Gen. NELSON A. MILES. Mr. Chairman, comrades, nurses of the great war, ladies, and gentlemen, I did not expect to say anything this evening. I came to listen, but I was drafted into the service, and I will say or endeavor to say a few words for a tribute to the

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*Gen. Miles*

noble women who acted such a big part in the great struggle from '61 to '65.

I remember their services—how they nursed back to life the heroes who fell on the field of battle and contributed much to the welfare and the success of that great enterprise. Clara Barton, Mrs. Barlow, Miss Dix, Miss Gilson, and scores of others that I might mention contributed their work for that noble cause in which you comrades were engaged.

It was a great enterprise. There never was gathered an army like that. It is an army never to be recruited. The great problem of this country and possibly of the world trembled in the balance. It was a question of bondage or freedom. It was a question of democracy or despotism. It was a question of the rule of monarchs, hereditary kings, ruling or claiming to rule by divine right, or a question of the sovereignty of the citizens of universal freedom, universal independence, universal responsibility; and that had to be determined by the dread arbitrament of war. Statesmen, philosophers, divines, patriots had discussed the question for many long years, argued it in every possible way, but finally it had to be determined by the valor of the heroes and patriots of that time. It was a great question. It was the preservation of our civilization.

Our fathers more than a hundred years ago grasped the scepter of power from imperial hands. They placed it in your hands. They gave you the privileges and advantages and responsibilities of American citizenship. And when that right and power was in jeopardy a million of young men enlisted at the age of 18 and under; two millions of men enlisted at the age of 21 and under. It was an army of the very flower of American manhood. Very few had ever left their homes before. But they gathered up all the bright prospects of life and placed them upon the altar of their country. They left their homes with the blessings and the prayers of patriotic parents following them, and marched down to death, many of them, as cheerfully as to a festival.

Five hundred thousand of your comrades were hurried to eternity. They filled untimely graves. Could they have lived out the full measure of their lives they would have been a blessing to the community, the State, and the Nation. Their lives were as precious as yours, and yet they freely gave them in order that the Nation might live, in order that freedom might prevail; and from that time to this the glory of our country has been developed, our nationality, and freedom has been the ruling power or influence throughout the world. A mighty Nation has grown from thirty millions to one hundred and ten, spreading over the continent, giving homes to those of our own country and from every country that desired to take part in this great and glorious Republic. Such a civilization has never been known before.

The people of the United States are enjoying to-night more liberty, prosperity, wealth, happiness, comfort, independence, and security than any people that has ever lived upon the face of the globe. [Applause.] And what has been the influence of this mighty Republic? That whole line of Republics south of the Rio Grande, where to-night fifty millions of people are enjoying what you are enjoying, living under a constitution copied after yours, and with a bright and promising future before them.

It was my pleasure and duty some years ago to travel around this globe. I was in an official capacity, received by the official Government of China. I met the principal officials of that Celestial Empire of 450,000,000 of people. The ruling men of that nation did not ask me the size of the American Army or its condition, its discipline or its power. They wanted to know something about the Constitution of the United States. They wanted to know its effect upon the people living within the borders of the United States, how they prospered, what advantages and privileges and independence they enjoyed. I could see then that the atmosphere of freedom had swept across the Pacific and was spreading over that vast empire; and in the past few years a mighty political revolution, the greatest of the world, has occurred in that country. Four hundred and fifty millions of people have overthrown the most autocratic, despotic power, copied a constitution after your own, and are now enjoying the privileges and the advantages of a mighty Republic.

Within the last few months we have seen another revolution. As I journeyed on across Siberia and Russia, I could see then that the influence of the great American Republic was creeping through the gloom and darkness of that mighty empire. One hundred and seventy millions of people have dethroned the most autocratic government and established a Government similar to ours. It is not surprising, for the seeds of liberty have been wafted by the winds of the world into that far remote country. Tolstoi tells us in one of his books of a visit that he made to one of the great tribes in a remote portion of Siberia. In telling the condition of civilized countries and the systems of government and its rulers, the great chief said, "I do not want to hear about your emperors and your kings. I want to know something about that great white chief across the water." He had heard of Abraham Lincoln, the friend of humanity, the friend of man, and the friend of liberty. That is the man that he wanted to hear about.

Another instance is told us that on the occasion of the return of our Independence Day, the Fourth of July, at one of the prisons in the remote region of Siberia the patriots had secured different colored fabrics, and on the morning of the Fourth of July they decorated their prison bars of the windows with the beautiful colors of our national banner—the red, white, and blue. [Applause.]

Democracy has been traveling around the world. You blazed the way, and other nations have followed; and I presume with you as with myself to-night, my mind wanders from this splendid gathering here, this cradle of liberty, this atmosphere of patriotism, where you can be dedicated anew to the glorious cause of liberty, to that far-distant country across the Atlantic where the shadows of gloom are now covering vast countries on the Continent of Europe, where about fifteen, or possibly twenty, millions of men are engaged in destroying each other and the devastation of country, the bankruptcy of nations, and possibly the suicide of nations. Vast territories where but a little time ago only the sweet music of industry, happiness, and peace prevailed are now silent save for the sound of warring guns and the groans of dying men. Millions and millions of people are to-night homeless and helpless and must die of starvation. That is the condition of Europe; and if your sons, with mine,

must go to that struggle, I trust that they may be successful in bringing about a peace that will be permanent, not temporary.

I sometimes feel like looking through the gloom of war to see if I can see a bright ray of light on the other side. It is said that the darkest hour of the night is just before the day; behind the blackest cloud the sun is still shining. Under the gloom of Valley Forge the American independence was created. Amid the turmoil of war and chaos that splendid Republic of France sprang into existence. Possibly behind the dark cloud that now overshadows Europe a brighter and purer and happier future will dawn.

I trust that—

When the war drums throb no longer  
And the battle flags are furled—

and the black-mouthed cannon are silent, I hope forever, there will be intelligence enough and patriotism enough left in the world to ring down the curtain upon that appalling tragedy and declare and demand that it shall be the final, the closing scene in the horrible tragedy of war; that a wiser, purer, brighter, more humane system of government shall prevail.

The nations of the world to-night are not farther apart in communication and intercourse than the colonies were when our fathers sent the wisest and best men to Philadelphia to form a more perfect union, and to frame the great Constitution of the United States. There is every reason why the nations of the world should come together and call a congress of nations and establish a high court of justice for the settlement and adjudication of international controversies. When that day has come there will be a brighter day dawned upon the people of the world. Humanity will be raised to a higher plane and the nation to a higher sphere of intelligence, patriotism, integrity, and wisdom; and then the whole world can celebrate the Fourth of July or an Independence Day that will be participated in by the intelligent people of the entire world. It will open up a higher and nobler and purer civilization.

I am very glad to have had the pleasure of being with you. I wish you every prosperity. I rejoice that the comrades of that great war are exerting such a splendid influence upon the people, the sons and daughters of the present day. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I hope the audience will have some patience. We do not expect speeches now for more than three to five minutes. If you will only be patient. We will now have a short address by the lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, Hon. Calvin Coolidge.

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Lieut. Gov. CALVIN COOLIDGE. Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen, I am come from a gathering of war nurses where I had the privilege of representing his excellency Gov. McCall, and I come here with a message from him, a message of greeting to this great gathering, a message of greeting to this convention, members of the Grand Army who are assembling in Massachusetts. By his express direction I extend to you the cordial greetings of this Commonwealth.

Massachusetts realizes, if any State in the Union does, its great debt of gratitude that it owes to you, a debt of gratitude which it can never hope to repay. It is a fortunate circumstance that you are coming here. Massachusetts has been one of the inspirations of the



world in the formation and the promotion of those endeavors and activities on the part of human kind that are made for our liberty. And the same effort that you put forth in those great days when you were 21 is an inspiration now. Some things have changed since then. The art of war has changed. Armaments have changed; artillery and musketry and all that are different from what they were then. But human nature has remained somewhat the same; and the devotion, the self-sacrifice, the patriotism that you exhibited in those days have not changed, and they never will change; and nothing will surpass that splendid exhibition of manhood which you gave to the world and to this Nation in that great hour of need in 1861 to 1865. And it is for that that we welcome you, for what you have done, for the service you have performed, for what you have accomplished in maintaining Massachusetts' ideals, not alone 50 years ago, but 19 years ago, and yesterday, and to-day, and forever. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The Grand Army has an auxiliary that has been doing splendid work for our organization. It has had able and brilliant leaders in the past, but I want to say that the lady that has been at the head of that organization during the term that is now drawing to a close had no superior in any organization as a manager and a leader. I have been traveling over this country and met her on the platform on many occasions, and her works and her influence and her ability have been apparent to me on all occasions. I therefore take great pleasure in presenting to you the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ida K. Martin. [Applause.]

Mrs. IDA K. MARTIN, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to come before you and bring to you the greetings of the National Organization of the Woman's Relief Corps; also to extend greetings to the allied organizations, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and its auxiliary, and to wish for you that your encampment and conventions in this city will be most profitable and most harmonious.

I wish, for the Woman's Relief Corps, to acknowledge with gratitude the welcome and hospitality which has been so beautifully extended to us by your chairman, your governor, and your mayor. In coming to Boston we of the Woman's Relief Corps feel something as a daughter might feel, in returning to the parental home from which she went forth as a bride, more than 34 years ago. We are indeed pleased to be here in Boston.

Boston, which is so rich in the events of the early history of our land, with its Bunker Hill, its Old North Church, the site of the Boston tea party, and then your wonderful colleges and cemeteries. No less important is this city in the history of the Woman's Relief Corps, for it was here that seeds of patriotism and love for the veterans sprouted and grew in the hearts of such women as Sarah E. Fuller, E. Florence Barker, and Elizabeth Turner. I mention the names of only three women who worked so hard back in the year of 1883. Yet we have in this State alone, this great, grand State of Massachusetts, more than 14,000 loyal women belonging to our order.



The Woman's Relief Corps can not boast, perhaps, of having a Bunker Hill or an Old North Church, yet we can boast of having had several very successful tea parties. [Applause.] We have not had as honored guests men who have disguised themselves as Indians, but instead our principal and most honored guests have been men who have worn the blue uniforms with brass buttons on them, wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic upon their breasts. [Applause.]

The work of the Woman's Relief Corps is one of entire unselfishness, for every woman understands when she joins the order that she is expected to give and not to receive. In the 34 years of our existence these gifts have amounted to well-nigh the five-million-dollar mark.

We are now engaged in a great world-wide war. It has not been necessary for the Woman's Relief Corps to come up to the verge of this war to see the necessity of teaching patriotism to the children in the public schools. Our order was the first to take up this work, and it has been successively carried on for 25 years. In my official position this year, as I have traveled over this country, going from the East to the West and from the North to the South, and seeing the ever-present sight of the boys in brown, I have wondered just what part the Woman's Relief Corps has played in preparing for just this time. With our thousands of mothers all over this land, in all these years teaching to their children patriotism, teaching them what the flag means, what it stands for, what it has cost, not in dollars and cents but in human lives, to keep every star in its field of blue, mothers who teach their boys and their girls to love that flag, to honor that flag, and to protect that flag. [Applause.]

We are, indeed, living in unusual times. But the members of the Woman's Relief Corps are wide awake, and they are working for the boys in brown just as they did for you in the days of the early sixties. You, comrades, will remember how gladly you welcomed the letters from home; how gladly you welcomed the letters from the sweethearts that you had left behind, or the wife who was bravely caring for the little ones in the home while you were away doing your part to keep this a united Nation. The sweethearts and the wives of the boys in brown are to-day in our order, working alongside of the sweethearts and wives of the boys in blue, working along helpful lines, and with a prayer and a hearty Godspeed they are bidding their soldier boys, "Take this starry emblem, go forth to to conquer, not this time for one race alone but for democracy and the brotherhood of man the whole world over." [Applause.]

I spoke of the bride of 34 years ago. The ceremony took place in the city of Denver in the Grand Army Encampment, when that body of men took action saying, "We cordially hail the Woman's Relief Corps and grant to them the right to use the title 'Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.'" Comrades, we loved you then when our numbers were comparatively small. That love has grown and grown, just as it should in every happy family. To-night the membership of the Woman's Relief Corps outnumbers that of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is my great honor and pleasure this evening to pledge to you anew the love and continued devotion of the entire membership of the Woman's Relief Corps.

There is one organization that I did not mention, but to which the Woman's Relief Corps is most loyal. Aside from giving the Army nurses a Christmas present each year of \$20 (60 in number the past year), it is my great pleasure, Mrs. Risley, national president of the Army Nurses' Association, to present to you this check for \$100. [Applause.]

And now, Commander in Chief, on our trips we have talked about the weather and we have talked about the crops. We haven't all the relatives straightened out just yet; we haven't written so very many letters. To-night it is my pleasure to give you a letter. You will find in this envelope a check for \$1,000, and 1,000 best wishes and 1,000 roses for the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I desire to thank Mrs. Martin and the Woman's Relief Corps for this magnificent gift of the organization to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in order that this may be properly acknowledged I will call on Past Commander in Chief Beers to express the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander in Chief ALFRED B. BEERS, Bridgeport, Conn. *Beers*  
Commander in Chief, ladies, comrades, and all others present, I have been waiting now for nearly two hours to get an opportunity to say something in relation to the Woman's Relief Corps, and I am not going to take very long to say it. I will relieve your anxiety. You need not go out on my account. We have heard a great deal about the changes that have been taking place all over the world, but I want to call to your mind that the changes have not taken place in our ladies, the women of our land; that they stand to-day as they stood in the past, as they stood in the days of the American Revolution, loyal to the core, ready and willing to give their all to our country. They are not made up of women who go about singing, "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier." [Applause.] They are not that kind of women. You know somebody said when they heard that song, "Why don't you put him in petticoats? Put him in petticoats if you didn't raise him to be a soldier." I would like to go further. I would say, "Put him in hogskin and not disgrace the petticoat by his presence." [Applause.]

Now, the Woman's Relief Corps for 35 years has been with us. It came as an infant and we dandled it upon our knee; we carried it in our arms; we sang the songs of babyhood to it; and it has grown, and grown, and grown until it is now larger than its foster father, and if we don't look out the Woman's Relief Corps will be taking us across their knee and giving us that first-class spanking which we sometimes deserve. [Applause.]

Madam President, the Grand Army of the Republic appreciates the work, the efforts, and the generous and magnificent contribution of the Woman's Relief Corps. Your well-being is bound up with their well-being. Your prosperity is bound up with their prosperity, and to your organization they pour out all that wealth of affection, of loyalty, and of patriotism that only the soldier's heart can conceive. And it shall be so to the end of time, and when the Grand Army of the Republic has passed away they will leave behind them another organization in the Sons of Veterans who shall pay homage to the organization which you so ably represent. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We have another great organization that has been working side by side with the Grand Army of the Republic and has been doing good service along the lines laid down by that organization. We have with us a lady who has guided and led that organization through a very successful year. I have met Mrs. Virginia C. McClure on many platforms throughout the country in the last six or eight months, and I know something of her worth to this organization and to her own. I therefore take great pleasure in now presenting Mrs. McClure, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

*McClure* Mrs. VIRGINIA C. MCCLURE, national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Peoria, Ill. History records the achievements and heroisms of men and women through all ages—in political, military, scientific, and social affairs—and to these are accorded the highest appreciation and eternal honor to which they are entitled.

The Grand Army of the Republic, who gave in full measure of devotion to the preservation of our country that it might remain one and indissoluble, richly deserves the highest degree of respect and veneration of a grateful people.

Their fame and glory shall be a sacred trust and remain as a token of their great victory and glorious achievements. As the years go on and we look back and see the marvelous growth and development of this country as the result of their sufferings and gallant services, we appreciate more and more their heroic efforts in our country's cause.

I have the great honor and pleasure to-night to salute you, comrades, with fraternal affection in the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—your mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters—and in their behalf to present loving greetings on this notable occasion.

Not only did you, comrades, dedicate your lives, but the women as well suffered much that the Union might live; and no tribute, however great, can sufficiently commemorate their patient devotion and consecrated work at home or in the field. In fact, during and since the war many of us have been giving our strength, devotion and encouragement to the heroes of the war who are in our midst; and, as in the dark days of the sixties, some of us are still actively engaged in the work of carrying sunshine and happiness into the hearts of our veteran soldiers.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are seeking to establish and preserve the record of their ancestors, whose independence, valor, and courage redeemed this land and established the government under which this country has reached a degree of unequalled prosperity—the greatest and noblest nation in the world.

We would not detract from the honor and glory of those patriots of the early day who saved this inheritance to us which we now enjoy, and we will best honor our own by using for human good the blessings that liberty and union won, first by the courage and wisdom of our Revolutionary fathers between Lexington and Yorktown, and redeemed by their sons at Fort Sumter and Appomattox.

We, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, feel it due to ourselves, to you, and your associates of long ago, to perpetuate in like manner the heroic virtues and lofty patriotism that saved this

country of life and liberty in the critical period of the Civil War; that when we, too, may have become ancestors, future generations will reverence and appreciate the heritage descended from noble and illustrious sires.

The services of the women of our land were not in those perilous days refused or lightly appreciated. Whatever they could do to alleviate suffering, they did cheerfully, earnestly, and well. And we, the women of the later day, have endeavored to be earnest and foremost in every good work and in all philanthropic, patriotic, and educational affairs that seek the elevation and culture of our people.

Is it any wonder that we are bound to you by one common cause and purpose, connected by the thousand strands of holy memories, where so many of our loved ones fell upon the field of battle to make possible the glories of these United States?

Before me are the comrades who have marched from the Lakes to the Gulf, the men who went with Sherman to the sea and are a part of the host who won the great victory, a victory of peace, spreading its benedictions throughout the land.

This nation, splendid, majestic, supreme, is your loving and enduring memorial. From us you need no laurels, for those you wear will be forever green. Your loyalty and devotion in war, your bravery and courage in battle, your magnanimity in victory, is without a parallel in any other country, and all nations of the world have laid at your feet the tribute of their admiration and respect.

We frequently mention the names of the great leaders whom this and other lands have delighted to honor—Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and a host of others; and while we would place jewels rich and rare in the diadem of their glory, yet we feel there were hundreds and thousands of nameless heroes as much entitled to remembrance as those whom the world honors, and to whom they give the highest word of praise for valor and distinction.

There, too, are thousands of graves filled with those nameless ones upon the fields of Bull Run, Antietam, Chattanooga, Vicksburg, Cold Harbor, in the Wilderness, and in the valleys of the Sunny South. To these our hearts go out in gratitude.

The opportunities and resources of our noble order are unlimited. As an order it is our privilege to transmit your names and service with honor to posterity, to teach loyalty and patriotism, to honor and to care for the living, and pay tribute to the dead, in commemoration of heroic deeds and stirring patriotism.

At the present time of dissensions and strife among many nations of the earth, and conditions that confront us, we are particularly interested in the work of the Red Cross, food conservation, and the purchase of Liberty bonds. Much good is being accomplished in this work of patriotism, protection and the restoration of peace.

Again, comrades, I express my great pleasure, and the honor that is mine, to stand before you to-night as a representative of that grand order of patriotic women, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you.

Commander in Chief, in appreciation of our pleasant association during the past year in the work in which we have been engaged, I just in a word ask the pleasure of pinning on your breast this little star, the emblem of our order and the insignia of our love for you and your comrades. [Applause.]



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask Asst. Adj. Gen. Nordell to respond.

*Nordell*  
Comrade PHILIP A. NORDELL, of Boston, Mass. Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen, only the smouldering embers remain of this camp-fire. I have great respect for those not only who come at an early hour to attend a meeting like this, but I have still greater respect for those who at this late hour show their patience and their courage by remaining. We who are here to-night and are called upon to address you at this late hour thank you for your presence here. Let me just for a moment detain you as I call your attention to the splendid organizations with which the Grand Army of the Republic has surrounded itself during the years of its existence. Not only have we the courage and the patriotism of the Grand Army, but we have the Woman's Relief Corps, we have the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we have the Sons of Veterans, we have the Daughters of Veterans, and we have the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. What a splendid series of organizations this is to perpetuate the work and the deeds and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But let me call your attention to the fact that while all of these have done their work in one way or another for the honor and the glory and the comfort of our comrades, there is also this organization, one of the younger organizations, perhaps, not as old as the Woman's Relief Corps, but doing work along similar lines, work that has tended to cheer and comfort the hearts and strengthen the hands of our comrades. We have had a representative of that order to-night, Mrs. McClure, the president of the national organization. We have listened to her words with great interest. She has told us of the purpose of this wonderful organization. It is not merely to strengthen the hands of the living but to perpetuate the names and the memory and the deeds of this great organization [applause] for years to come.

So, we comrades of '61 to '65, who are passing away, we salute you, Mrs. McClure, representative of this splendid organization, and we believe that through you and your organization our memories will be kept not merely upon the pages of history, but in the hearts of loving men and women in the generations to come. [Applause.] And what thanks can we give unto you for this service you are rendering unto us? Silver and gold we have none, but such as we have give we unto you—the loyal gratitude and affection of our hearts. God bless the women, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and may their work, their virtues, shine through the generations to come, and may the work which they have undertaken redound not merely to our glory but to the glory of our united land through their services. May the patriotism exhibited by her, comrades, embodied in the Ladies of the Grand Army, go forth in ever-widening circle when you and I, comrades, have passed away and are only a memory, a memory of glorious deeds and of heroic services.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY. There seems to be a misunderstanding. Some think that the reception of the Army nurses will be Tuesday night. That is a mistake. The reception to the Grand Army of the Republic and all allied associations will be on Wednesday night from 8 to 10 at the Hotel Westminster.



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is another organization of ladies that is coming to the front very rapidly, and that is the Daughters of Veterans. [Applause.] I have come in contact with the national president of that organization quite frequently during the past six months and find that she is doing excellent work in the interest of the Daughters of Veterans, and I will now call upon Mrs. Best, the national president of the Daughters of Veterans, to say a word.

Mrs. MYRTIE W. BEST, national president Daughters of Veterans, Marietta, Ohio. Commander in Chief, Mr. Chairman, comrades and friends, I bring you to-night, comrades, the love and greetings of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, your daughters and your comrades' daughters; and I want to assure you to-night that we appreciate the old flag that you gave us:

"The Flag that speaks of Bunker Hill,  
Of minute-men and gun,  
Of Saratoga and Yorktown—  
Fierce battles fought and won.

The Flag that waved o'er Gettysburg,  
On those eventful days;  
The Flag our boys in blue upheld  
'Mid battle's storm always.

The Flag that Lincoln freed from stain  
By setting bondmen free;  
The Flag that can a wrong forgive,  
Rebellion though it be.

The Flag that drew rebellious men  
Into the Union fold,  
The Flag that is respected now  
In States both new and old.

The Flag that now waves o'er our homes  
Protecting weak and strong,  
The Flag that vindicates the right  
And punishes the wrong.

That Flag we've raised across the sea  
With stars now forty-eight;  
Triumphant Red, and White, and Blue,  
The Flag our fathers saved."

To-night I have a triple mission to perform. Commander in Chief, as a representative of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, I present you this gift. I also have the gift to present to-night that Sister Flood promised the national encampment last year. I now, Commander in Chief, present you the headquarters flag. [Applause.] The Grand Army badge on that side, and see what we have on this side. (Great seal of the United States.) Last year when Sister Flood told the national council that the Grand Army headquarters flag was unfit to be carried in the parade, the national council told Sister Flood to give to the Grand Army of the Republic a headquarters flag, and I am proud to-night to present this flag. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, I now present to you the key to unlock the gold. Commander in Chief, your quartermaster says I did not tell

you the amount. While we have not given you this year, Commander, as much as we gave you last year, remember that your daughters are using the rest of the money buying Liberty bonds and preparing our boys to go to the front.

The commander wants me to tell you that he gets the casket. That is his personal gift. The \$250 in gold he will have to turn over to my friend here, the quartermaster general. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want to thank the Daughters of Veterans for this gift of gold, and also for the standard, the beautiful standard that is to be carried at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic to-morrow and on other occasions following. I will ask Col. Bradley, who has been my representative in preparing for the parade, to respond to the Daughters of Veterans on this occasion.

*Bradley*  
Comrade J. PAYSON BRADLEY, of Boston. Commander in Chief, president of the Daughters of Veterans, and friends, I do not expect to fill the place of the man I was drafted to represent to-night, Washington Gardner, the orator of Michigan. But I will hold to one virtue, and that will be brevity, which I know you will appreciate. It is certainly a great pleasure to be drafted from a committee of three and then the other two committeemen leave me here to fill the gap.

Imperial Cæsar, dead and turned to clay,  
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away.

There will be no wind used to-night with which to stop holes.

Mrs. Best is a good friend of mine from Marietta, Ohio, where for 25 years I have had a branch office, and I have known her from her childhood.

Now you have heard from the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. We sometimes have disputes with our mothers and with our wives, but never with our daughters. We love them every one. Their virtues are mountainous; their faults are mere sands of the sea, so small we can not see them.

To-night we have great pleasure in receiving from them this token of their love. You know you can say how much you love a person, but if you don't express it in some visible form, it seems like empty words. Our treasury is being filled up by the Woman's Relief Corps and others, and here and last the Daughters of Veterans come with this beautiful flag which to-morrow for the first time will be at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic under our present commander in chief; it will be my proud position as chief marshal of the parade to escort it through the streets of Boston, and to it, next to the flag of the United States, the people of Boston and the entire country will give homage as the flag of the Grand Army of the grandest Republic. [Applause.] On one side is the badge of the Grand Army; on the other side is the great seal of the United States, whose starry flag our boys will soon be carrying with them on a united battle front in Europe, and will bring it back again without a stain upon it or come back wrapped in its folds. [Applause.]

Judging by what is before us to-night, there will then rise up the Daughters of Veterans, working as did the girls we left behind us in '61 for the boys that are going to fight the battles of the Republic in France and along the Belgian frontier.

God bless our daughters and especially the Daughters of Veterans of the War of '61 to '65. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I feel proud to have such a representative to represent me on this occasion as well as on the streets of Boston to-morrow. I want to call attention to another organization that is making splendid progress under the splendid leadership of its present commander in chief—the Sons of Veterans. It is forging rapidly to the front and is destined to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic when that organization passes into history. William T. Church has been on the platform on many occasions with me in the last six or eight months, and I know from his eloquence and common sense and able manner of representing that organization before the Grand Army of the Republic that it is making splendid progress during this year, and at the close of his term he will have a splendid report to offer to his organization of the progress made during the year. I have great pleasure now in presenting William T. Church, commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH, commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, Chicago, Ill. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies, and my father's comrades, this is ladies' night. I have no speech; I have no gold; I have no banners. But, Commander in Chief, just in a word, there are some boys in the families of these comrades, and just for one brief moment I bring you to-night the greetings of the boys that are now somewhere in France and who belong to my order, and the greetings of the boys in the great National Army that is coming up now from all the States in this Union and which will be somewhere in Europe in the next six months to come. I bring you the greetings, Commander in Chief and comrades, of your sons and your brothers and your comrades' sons, loyal, earnest, with all the filial honor which sons may bear to their fathers and to their fathers' comrades, and to pledge to you to-night, Commander in Chief, that those boys of the Sons of Veterans, the sons of the soldiers of the great war of the Republic, following the footsteps of their fathers, who, with Old Glory before them, swept the rebellious sons from the valley of the Mississippi, marched triumphantly from Atlanta to the sea, came up out of the Wilderness, with our glorious flag saved, will come back some day in the future from Europe with the same banner unsullied which you brought home in 1865. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask Past Commander in Chief Gilman to respond to this address.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN E. GILMAN, of Boston, Mass. Commander in Chief Church, the Grand Army of the Republic have received your greetings to-night with grateful and appreciative hearts, and in their name I thank you and every member of your grand organization. We realize that we are getting old every year, for the reason that now we must ask you Sons of Veterans to carry our heavy flags for us. They were not heavy once, because we were light. They are not light now because we are heavy. That is one reason why we appreciate the services of the Sons of Veterans. And the other is this. We are proud, very proud, that we can say to our sons: We helped to save the Union from dismemberment. But we are more proud to say to our country and to the Republic that when we go we leave to you a patriotic organization that will teach to the

children of the land that patriotism which is needed to continue our country in the glory that it has shown in the past. That is what makes us so proud. That is why we are satisfied to go. That is why our hearts swell with pride and thanksgiving that we, the veterans, can leave to the Republic Sons of Veterans. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is another organization—we will be through in a few minutes now—the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, of which the president, Mrs. Mae E. Clothier, will now address you.

*in clothier*  
MRS. MAE E. CLOTHIER, national president Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Rockford, Ill.: Commander in Chief, comrades, and friends, the hour is late and I will take just about two minutes of your time to extend to you the loyal, loving greetings of the national organization of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, our fathers, we love you. We appreciate all that your name stands for. We appreciate all that you have done for us. You have taught us what loyalty stands for. You have shown us the highest form of patriotism. We trust that we have learned our lesson well and that we may prove ourselves worthy of this noble heritage. My father was one of your comrades, and it is my duty to honor him by some open and active manifestation of the loyalty I inherited from him.

I bring to you the greetings of each and every member of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, an organization composed of over 17,000 of your daughters and your sons' wives. We are working through the Sons of Veterans that they may be able to help you in your work. We hope to fulfill a promise of devotion, consecration, sacrifice if need be, to maintain for our children and our children's children through all the years to come Old Glory and the institutions she so proudly represents, founded by you and your comrades in the birth of our great nation.

Commander in Chief Patterson, I did not bring you gold. I brought you good, old-fashioned greenbacks. I give them to you with the love and appreciation of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary [presenting \$250 to the commander in chief]. [Applause.]

During the days of 1861 it was our fathers who responded to their country's call. To-day it is their sons and it is our sons who are responding to their country's call. I am the proud mother of three sons. Two of them are now in the service of their country, the third rejected only a short time ago on account of weakened eyes from service on the border. [Applause.] While a mother's heart aches with the thoughts of family separation, yet I can truthfully say that it was the proudest moment of my life when I put my arms around my boys and said to them, "Go, boys, defend—

"Your flag and my flag!  
And oh, how much it holds—  
Your land and my land  
Secure within its folds!  
Your heart and my heart  
Beat quicker at the sight;  
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—  
Red and blue and white.

The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—  
Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue."

[Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Past Commander in Chief Burton will express the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic for this gift, as well as the eloquent words of greeting.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON, of Portland, Oreg. Burton  
 Commander in Chief and countrymen, it is now three minutes of 11. In every city in this Nation except Boston at this time of night every honest man and good woman is in bed. Your governor, your mayor, and the ex-commander of the army have set you the pernicious example of making night hilarious. Concerning that I have nothing to say. I apprehend it is in violation, not only of the law divine, but the statutes of the State of Massachusetts made and provided, and the ordinances of the city of Boston. Pardon me, these ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Veterans, and the Auxiliary Daughters have so puffed up, flattered, banqueted, stuffed, and gorged these old guys who wear the little button of bronze that each and every one of them actually believes that he is a hero, and most of us think that we individually, with some feeble assistance, put down the rebellion.

Now, I have heard some remarkable statements from men upon this floor. I heard the ex-commander in chief from Connecticut say that the Grand Army had dandled upon its knees the Woman's Relief Corps. I am willing to give all that the landlord of the hotel will permit me to carry away, if Comrade Beers will attempt to dandle upon his knee the petite representative of the Woman's Relief Corps. [Laughter.] I am absolutely certain that the Woman's Relief Corps would survive. I am equally certain that the remains of the ex-commander in chief would be sent to Bridgeport in a box labeled "C. O. D."

Girls, we thank you for your greetings. God bless the daughters of America. Possibly in one sense of the word the greatest love that animates the human heart is the love of the mother, and yet at times, I doubt, comrades mine, whether the love that we bear for the dear mother dead and gone with most of us excels or even equals the love we bear for the daughter who in many respects, physically, mentally, and morally is a fac simile of the girl to whom we plighted our faith at the altar.

Our boys may go out from home and engage in business and the ties that bind the father and the son may weaken as the years go by, but the love that a father bears for the daughter never dies. And so we comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic thank our daughters of the auxiliary for the greetings. May the richest blessing of heaven be theirs to enjoy, and when in the fullness of time the last one of us shall have answered to the roll call, may these daughters, then the mothers of the land, be the recruiting officers for that Grand Army of the Republic which shall perpetuate this Nation of ours. Good night.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want the adjutant general to make an announcement in regard to a baseball game to-morrow to which you are all invited.

Adj. Gen. H. H. BENGOUGH. Commander in Chief, I am sorry that so many of the baseball fans have departed from this hall. The president of the Boston Baseball Co. has written a letter to the commander in chief in which he invites, through the commander in



chief, every comrade of the Grand Army who is a baseball fan to come to their great ball park to-morrow after the parade. The only thing that will grant the comrade admission there will be his badge, and I hope that the comrades will circulate that invitation extended to the commander in chief. I saw in this audience in the early part of the evening some of the greatest baseball fans in this country who are comrades of the Grand Army.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will close these exercises by singing "America."

(After the singing of "America," the audience at 11.03 p. m. dispersed.)

## THE GRAND PARADE.

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The following accounts of the parade held on Tuesday, August 21, 1917, are taken from the Boston (Mass.) daily papers:

[Globe, Aug. 21, 1917.]

Like a gallant force passing out of the troubled present and into their revered place in the history of the Nation, the Grand Army, savior of the Republic, marched this morning for the last time through the streets of Boston.

Once again the men in blue, weaker numerically than they were when they came here before, just a little older and a little less steady physically, but with a spirit as stout as that which carried them through the trying days of the sixties, trudged doggedly over the route, reminding a generation which is also face to face with war of the stuff that saved the Union.

### OLD MEN MADE BRAVE SHOWING.

To-day's parade was as different from the smart military parades which have come so frequently in Boston as black is from white.

It was only an army of old men, bent of body and unsteady of limb, men whose grit and pride and spiritual force rather than their physical strength made marching possible that received the homage of the thousands which lined the sidewalks from the corner of Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue and all along the route ending in Park Square.

The route was much shorter than usual, because of the feeble condition of those who had contracted to march over it.

For the first time in its history the veterans paraded between buildings aflame not only with red, white and blue, in the American combinations, but with the colors of many foreign countries, Nations with which the United States, a country redeemed by the Grand Army, is pooling its fighting forces of to-day in a powerful thrust at autocracy.

### MARCHED TO OLD-FASHIONED TUNES.

It was a picturesque parade, an inspiring spectacle. Bostonians have rarely joined in such a spontaneous greeting as that which they gave the white-haired veterans from Maine and California, North Dakota, Maryland, and Tennessee, who marched to the old-fashioned tunes, to "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold," with smiles upon their faces over what is perhaps their last encampment route.

It took the remnant of the army of 45,000, which marched for six hours in Boston 13 years ago, a little more than two hours to cover the route this afternoon. Col. J. Payson Bradley, chief marshal, and Chief of Staff Hahn were holding the tramping lines back as they climbed Beacon Hill, and the pace was slow always.

Only such prudence and forethought saved the strength of these hardy old men, some of whom danced jigs in the street to the syncopation of the fifes and drums and thunderous applause from the multitude.

Early estimates by the G. A. R. leaders were that there were something less than 10,000 veterans in line. They were preceded by a division of Sons of Veterans.

Two thousand Boy Scouts along the route watched for signs of distress among the veterans, doled out water to them in little paper cups, and soaked their handkerchiefs to mop the perspiration from countless wrinkled foreheads.

### DANCED BEFORE THEIR FAMILIES.

As the blue-clad regiments turned in to Tremont Street from Temple Place they swung in front of the immense grandstand in which 5,000 of their friends

and relatives, women and children, were massed, cheering, singing the old songs, waving flags and pennants in time to the music.

Smiles, pathetically proud, flashed across the faces of those oldsters, and there was a straightening of shoulders and a perking up of steps as they caught sight of that long mass of color on Tremont Street, in the midst of which the Russian mission, emissaries from the world's newest Republic now struggling to save itself, watched the new America roaring its applause out over the ranks of the men who kept the American ship of state from foundering under similar circumstances.

Many a graybeard, eager to show the crowds that he still has a punch, danced before one of the most appreciative audiences that ever applauded terpsichorean feats.

No fancy stage exhibitions were these, but stunts to show the grit that is in the men of '61. youngsters once more 52 years after they came back from the war.

[Record, Aug. 21, 1917.]

The last parade of the fast fading G. A. R., so far as this city is concerned, finished shortly after 1 p. m. after one of the most enthusiastic receptions in its history. The parade is the principal feature of the fifty-first annual encampment of the organization now being held here.

There has probably never been a parade in the city which caused so much enthusiasm as this marching through town of the old boys of the Grand Army of the Republic and saviors of the country in '61. No regiment of youths starting out for war has come anywhere near gaining the tribute paid to-day to these limping old men who sturdily kept at it walking, some of them, farther than they have walked at one time in months.

Boston's goodbye to the G. A. R. was fitting the occasion. It paid its tribute of cheers and plaudits in full measure running over, and no old vet plodding along in the heat but must have felt that this city has not forgotten what these old men did when they were boys and would do again if they could.

No Fighting Ninth or Dandy Fifth which ever paraded the streets of the Hub, even when, two years ago, they started for the border, ever got as deep into the hearts of the onlookers as these brave but feeble old men who marched proudly with heads high and sturdily spurred their tired legs on and on over hot and in some places rough pavements.

Crashing cheers greeted the thin blue line all the way from Arlington Street to Park Street, where they finished. Every window was full of heads and every building flaunted the Stars and Stripes.

The boys in blue mounted Beacon Hill with the spirit of Lookout Mountain, and passed in review before the governor on the steps of the State House. Following the custom of the G. A. R., the Massachusetts division, being the hosts, were last in the line of the State departments. The roster of the parade, with the exception of minor changes, was as follows:

Platoon of mounted police.

Chief Marshal J. Payson Bradley and mounted national aids.  
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., William T. Church, commander in chief, escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

U. S. Grant Post No. 327 of Brooklyn, N. Y., personal escort to commander in chief.

Commander in Chief, G. A. R., William J. Patterson.

National officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief, G. A. R., in automobiles.

National aids-de-camp.

Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic in order of seniority of organization:

Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts (the Massachusetts department marched last, inasmuch as she is host to the national organization), New Jersey, Maine, California and Nevada, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Potomac, Virginia and North Carolina, Maryland, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Colorado and Wyoming, Kansas, Delaware, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington and Alaska, Arkansas, New Mexico, Utah, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi, Florida, Montana, Texas, Idaho, Arizona, Georgia, and South Carolina, Alabama, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

[American, Aug. 21, 1917.]

Boston saw a mirage to-day—a ghost picture of ghost armies of '61 sweeping triumphantly to victory.

Below the vision of flashing bayonets—the mind picture of strange men in blue tunics and queer square knapsacks—below the mirage of heroic figures on foam-flecked war horses, marched, to fife and drum and the war songs of 50 years ago, the fragments of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The “thin blue line” threaded the Boston streets, wavering here and there as one after another of the gray-haired soldiers dropped in the intense heat.

Voices that were only echoes of the voices of the long ago caught up the old “Yank” refrains. Men who had “fought with Gin’ral Grant” burst now and then into the old war cries that greeted the Johnny Rebs on many a field of the war-torn South.

## ECHO OF BATTLE VICTORIES.

They were all there—boys who rode up the Shenandoah with Sheridan: boys

The appeal, mutely voiced by the Russians ahead of the great parade, found its answer in the sight of the gray-haired veterans—men who fought and won from '61 to '65.

And the answer rolled out across Bay State, New England, and national training camps where our troops of 1917 are gathering as a prophecy of victories to come.

More than that even. Now and then in the thin lines of Blue to-day one saw a gray uniform, the garb of the gallant Confederacy which fought, lost, made peace and finally friendship.

In the occasional gray uniform spectators could find an ultimate sign of a final peace to come, when the shattered world shall be reunited, even as the North and South of our own fair land are welded together now in lasting union.

The parade started at 10 o'clock. It was over before noon. It passed over a short route, adapted to the waning powers of the men in line.

But it was a route of great historic and patriotic significance. It is doubtful whether Columbia, in all her proud domain, could have found a more fitting one.

The route encircled Boston Common, scene of repeated chapters of our national history, sacred soil jealously guarded against the encroachment of commercial demand and a veritable Mecca for pilgrims of patriotism the country over.

The route included, too, part of the highway boundaries of Boston's Public Garden, renowned for their beauty and typical of the Athenian spirit of this community which maintains the City Beautiful for the uplift of all.

Along this short line of march, whose very streets are household words of the Nation, spectators massed in thousands.

Men, women, and children cheered the slowly passing ranks. The national colors flew from every side. Homes and building fronts were ablaze with the Red, White, and Blue.

Blended, too, with our own banners were those of allied nations, with especial honor to-day to the colors of Russia, white, red, and blue, in horizontal stripes of equal width, with the white stripe on the top. Those were the colors of old Russia and are the same for the new.

[Traveler, Aug. 21, 1917.]

Fewer, feebler, grayer grown,  
Our grand old army of the blue;  
What ravages of time are shown,  
As they totter by in sad review!  
But we bare our heads, as we always shall do,  
To our grand old army of the blue.

#### ANOTHER LINK BROKEN.

It was another link broken between yesterday and to-day, for we shall never see them together again, we whose ways are chained to this old city, unless, perchance, they shall march shoulder to shoulder, immortal and forever young, along the golden streets of paradise.

There were three types, the feeble who walked courageously along although every step must have been painful; the "boys" who still feel young—and one of them jumped up and cracked his heels together to prove it to the crowd—and those midway, who trudged along, their campaign hats over their eyes, seemingly unmindful of the heat or fatigue. One old chap came along with his sword in one hand and a cane in the other. He heard the applause, and occasionally he managed a stiff salute, but the glory of the flag was hidden; he was blind and his hand was held by a little fellow in half-socks who looked awed and bewildered.

[Advertiser, Aug. 22, 1917.]

For three hours yesterday downtown Boston was under unconditional surrender to the blue uniforms of the Grand Army of the Republic. Eight thousand veterans of that mighty host of 3,000,000 fighting men who liberated the slaves and saved the Nation from destruction more than half a century ago marched through the streets to the thunderous plaudits of 100,000 men, women, and children. Up Beacon Hill tramped the thin blue line—past the governor of the Commonwealth—down School Street to be reviewed by the chief executive of the city and thence by the great stand on the Tremont Street mall of the Common, where their own commander in chief, with the visiting Russian war mission as his guests, stood waiting to receive them.



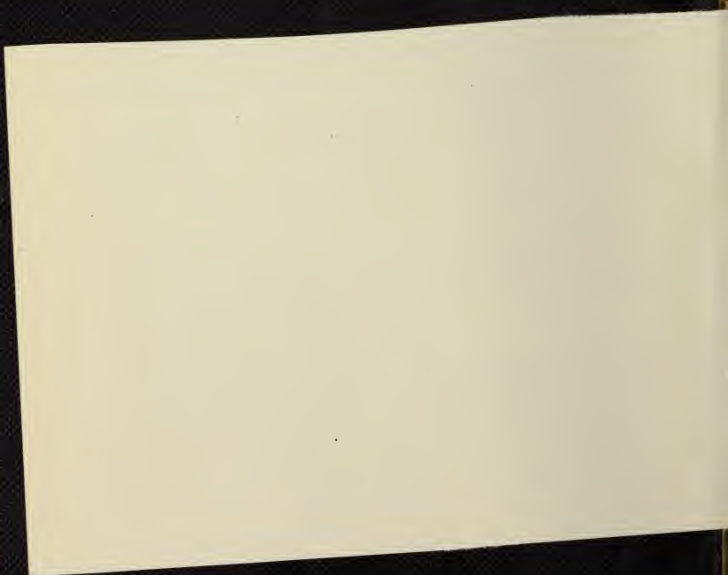
lined the curbs. Massed age made it impressive; 10,000 old men have an imperious, mandatory claim. Add tradition, add glamor, dress the lines in blue, if faded so much the better, have whipping standards of silk, music, cheers, a governor, a mayor, a major-general, for reviewing officers—and you have a picture as rich, as unique as any Boston has seen.

It was a historic day. Thousands came to see the old Grand Army pass and they came, no doubt, with visions of tottering septuagenarians wanly saluting when not keeling over. Instead, they saw column after column of men who were the physical cream of their age and generation, who survived battle, and lived to keep step blithely after their own fives, from Arlington Street to Park Square, and to end up hearty and unwinded, despite medal-freighted waistcoats and murderously thick blouses.

The column was preceded by the members of the Russian mission headed by Ambassador Boris Bahkmetieff, with Russian sailors and two companies of the State guard as escort. The marchers were reviewed three times, by the governor at the statehouse, by the mayor at City Hall, and by Commander in Chief Patterson at the new stands erected on Tremont Street. With the governor were Lieut. Gov. Coolidge, members of the governor's staff, Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, retired; Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, who is to take the Twenty-sixth Division—the all New England division—overseas. There were also members of the executive council and an array of invited guests.

Col. J. Payson Bradley, as chief marshal, was at the head of the blue column. He dropped out in front of the Tremont Street reviewing stand and from there directed the movements of the old soldiers. It was 11 o'clock when the column reached this point and hundreds of the comrades had taken off their coats. Boy Scouts, with water and paper cups, kept step with the veterans. Daughters and wives, in loving solicitude, marched side by side with old men for fear of disaster. Such cases were few. The majority of the old boys were pegging along in first-rate style, able to take care of themselves and with breath enough to keep up a running fire of banter.

[Globe, Aug. 22, 1917, editorial.]

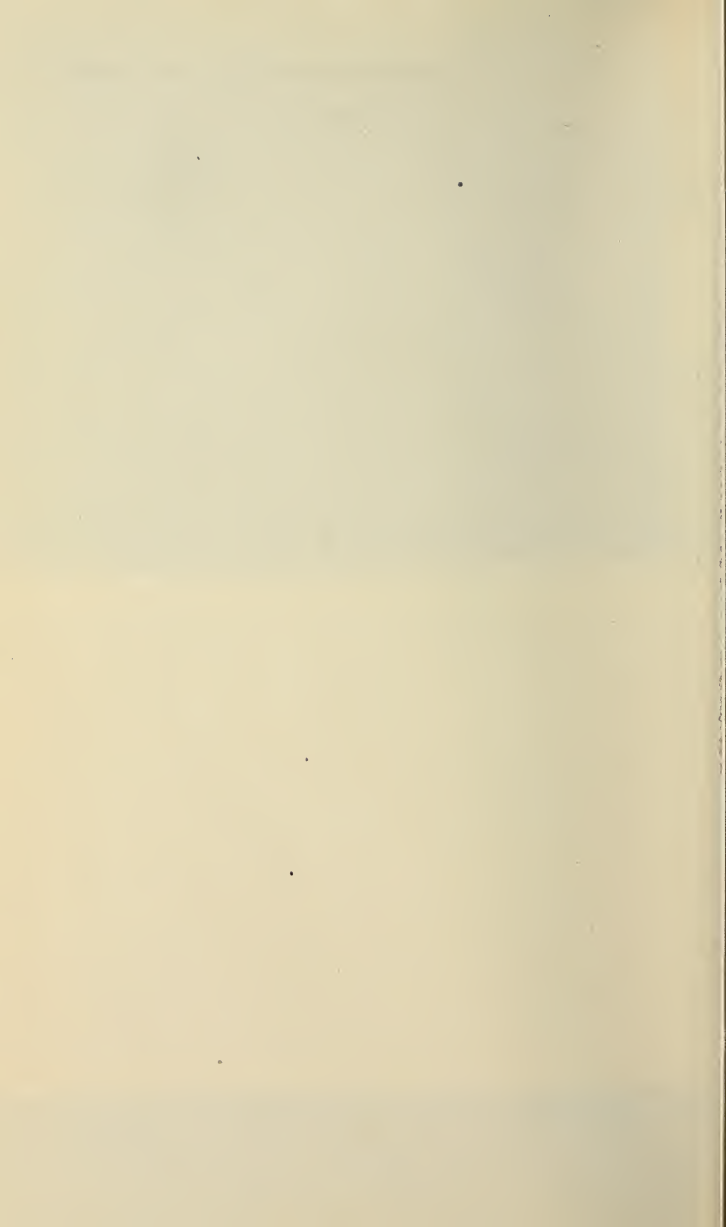


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## MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS., JANUARY 4, 1917, 2 P. M.

Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson presiding, and Adj. Gen. Bengough, Q. M. Gen. Stowits, and Comrades Price and Beach also present.

The commander in chief stated the object of the meeting and then the adjutant general read the preliminary correspondence which had passed between the national headquarters and the Boston committee in regard to the selection of a hotel for national headquarters during the encampment.

The adjutant general read the letter which was sent to each member of the executive committee early in the year and stated that every member of the committee had replied that it would be left to the judgment of the commander in chief as to whether it would be necessary to call the entire committee; that in their judgment unless something unforeseen arose a subcommittee would be sufficient to visit Boston.

The adjutant general read a letter from the senior vice commander in chief stating that if he was not at the meeting in Boston it would be owing to the illness of his wife.

Discussion followed over the selection of national headquarters hotel. The proposed contract was then considered and decided on, to be proposed to the Boston committee.

Motion by Stowits that the commander in chief allow only one organization, and that the Auxiliary of the Grand Army, in the headquarters hotel was seconded and carried.

Motion by Price that no one be allowed to participate in the encampment parade but members of the Grand Army and the official escort, the Sons of Veterans, was seconded and carried.

Motion by Stowits that the local committee be requested to grant no concessions to the National Association of Patriotic Instructors, because they are not recognized by the Grand Army as an allied order, was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3.10 p. m.



## JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOSTON ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE.

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HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS., JANUARY 4, 1917, 3.30 P. M.

F. E. Mole, commander of Massachusetts department and chairman of Boston executive committee, presiding.

Commander in Chief Patterson, Adj. Gen. Bengough, Q. M. Gen. Stowits, and Comrades Beach and Price present from the executive committee of national council of administration, G. A. R.

Commander in Chief Patterson suggested that date for encampment should first be considered.

Secretary Wetherbee, of Boston committee, stated committee had canvassed local hotels and found that week of August 19-25 seemed to be the best date.

Motion by Adj. Gen. Bengough that the encampment be held week of August 19-25 was seconded and carried.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Next matter will be selection of headquarters hotel. There seems to be some intimation that this would be the hotel selected. While it is the feeling of the executive committee that the Grand Army should go to the best hotel, of course we are your guests and want to go where you provide for us. But that is our feeling in the matter.

GILMAN. I think it might be well for the executive committee to know that our committee had visited the Copley Plaza and had talked with the manager and later had received from him a letter stating that his hotel could not accommodate national headquarters the week of August 26, as that was a busy week.

PRICE. The encampment will not be the last week in August as stated in that letter, but the third week.

WETHERBEE. The location of the Copley Plaza on a car line and two wide streets would make that dangerous. It is the most busy place in the city.

BENGOUGH. Is this not a family hotel and would it not be greatly crowded at meal times?

HOSLEY. This is a family hotel, but families are in the country and at the seashore during the summer.

HASKELL. There are many other hotels, but the downtown hotels are largely patronized at that time of year by transient travelers. None of the downtown hotels can begin to give you the large accommodations you want. They could do it in September. High rates at Copley Plaza apply not only to rooms, but to meals. This house is at the service of the G. A. R. that week.

GILMAN. I have the assurance of 137 rooms, and the plans show more rooms in the hotel.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would like to ask Comrade Gilman if he did not select his headquarters at Rochester.

GILMAN. No, sir; I was taken to it and told that was the hotel for headquarters.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I was there, and my recollection of it was different.

HALL. I would like to inquire how many rooms will be needed.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Twenty-four rooms for the party of the commander in chief, but many departments outside will want rooms.

GILMAN. No one can get rooms here without applying to the local committee. I will admit no one here who should not be here.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We come as guests of Boston and are willing to accept what is given, but there might be some criticism if the best hotel was not selected. We were at the other hotel a few minutes ago and the manager said he could not guarantee more than 100 rooms.

BENGOUGH. I would like to inquire if the hotel association has signed an agreement with your committee not to raise their rates.

WETHERBEE. Yes; and a copy is also on file with the chamber of commerce. I think it well to say that if this house is taken as national headquarters there will be no criticism or fault found with the treatment in Boston.

BENGOUGH. The comrades can not always get there at meal times; they would have to pay extra in the cafe for meals.

WETHERBEE. The Copley Plaza charges \$6 and \$7 per day for room alone, and in this hotel it is \$5 per day for room and meals. Right across the street are the Victoria, Westminster, Lenox, and Brunswick, and they can take care of people who can not get into the Vendome, at a reasonable price. Our people can not afford to pay \$6 and \$7 for rooms per day.

HASKELL. The Grand Army can be better accommodated here than elsewhere. This is a house of generous proportions.

Motion by Haskell that Vendome Hotel be selected as national headquarters during the encampment.

BRADLEY. At Kansas City, when it was decided to come to Boston, having in mind the Copley Plaza as a central location, I was very much inclined to think there was the hotel, but I am not struck with the Copley Plaza. I was surprised to find how many of the attendants of the national encampments who had been in Boston came to me and said, have the headquarters where we had it before—at the Vendome. I tried to discourage it a little, but that seemed to be the general opinion—the Vendome is the place of all places. I have here the hotel directory in the telephone book; I find more than 400. I have marked off five or six which would be equally first class. Now, when you come to the question of food, everyone stopping here is entitled to three meals a day. A little extension of time would be allowed on each meal. Then if they went to the cafe it would be a la carte.

BENGOUGH. I remove my objection to the question of food at the hotel.

Motion of Comrade Haskell then seconded and carried.

Motion by Stowits for executive committee of G. A. R. that choice of Vendome be approved was seconded and carried.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The next matter will be the adoption of the contract usually made with the encampment city.

Motion by Stowits that each clause be acted on seriatim was seconded and carried.

Secretary Flood read the draft of the proposed contract:

Motion by Hall that clause 1 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 2 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 3 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 4 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 5 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 6 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Matthews that clause 7 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Haskell that clause 8 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 9 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 10 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that clause 11 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Hall that clause 12 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Stillings that clause 13 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Wetherbee that clause 14 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Bradley that clause 15 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Stanley that clause 16 be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Gilman that the chairman and secretary of the executive committee of Boston encampment committee be authorized to sign the contract was seconded and carried.

Motion by Wetherbee, of Boston committee, that contract be adopted by local committee as a whole was seconded and carried.

Motion by Stowits for executive committee that the adoption of the contract be approved was seconded and carried.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would like to inquire if anything has been done in regard to railroad rates.

WETHERBEE. We have a committee on transportation which will do everything possible to get reduced rates and the chamber of commerce also has a committee working. We can promise that the rates will be as good as those to Kansas City, at least.

BENGOUGH. I want to explain why we ask for a contract from Boston. It may seem strange to do this, but we do not want to be charged with forming a precedent.

STOWITS. No joint meeting has moved more quickly than this. Past experience leads us to believe that you will carry out to the letter everything you have attempted to do and the encampment in 1917 will not be inferior to that in 1890 or 1904.

BRADLEY. I suppose while we are here together, there should be some question in regard to how the program of the week should or will be carried out. While we have always had the parade on Wednesday, it has pushed things down so, there was not time enough after Wednesday to finish up. Our committee has talked it over, and where the parade was on Tuesday the results were more satisfactory.

STOWITS. In a way I concur in what has been said, but I think Gilman and the others with experience will agree with me that a large influx will be present here the day of the parade, and just the moment the parade is over they will scatter to the four winds of heaven. If the parade is on Wednesday they will stay just that

much longer. The large business interests and the merchants are entitled to some consideration and we should try to have the crowd stay as long as possible, for thereby they will spend just that much more money in your city and your business interests are entitled to that consideration. This is my experience for the past 10 years.

GILMAN. My understanding was that the parade was changed to Wednesday in order to compensate, to some extent, the city; the business people of the city who are giving the encampment. We have held the parade in the past on Tuesday and they have scattered as soon as the parade is over. The point was raised that we were not doing justice to the people of the city who were taking the trouble to entertain us. For that reason it has been changed to Wednesday to keep the crowd in the city and thereby compensate the city, in a measure.

BRADLEY. This is a Grand Army encampment and it seems to be for the benefit of the comrades to have it on Tuesday. We can start the encampment earlier and then have an opportunity to take the comrades and entertain them before they go home. If time could be gained in conducting the encampment business so as to get through and then give the boys a good time, why, all right.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All greetings will be given at the Tuesday evening meeting this year and this will save much time.

WETHERBEE. I agree heartily with Comrade Bradley. It is only lately we have had the encampment parade on Wednesday. We got through the encampment on Thursday noon and had entertainment on Friday. In that way we can entertain our friends, and give them some entertainment—that is, the men who come for business. We adopted that plan some years ago, but no one has ever lived up to it. If the parade is on Tuesday, the comrades will be getting here Sunday instead of Monday. Some do not come until Tuesday. There is only one thing to interfere with the parade being held on Tuesday. Is the Grand Army, which is under obligations to the public of Boston and vicinity, willing to reciprocate or not?

BRADLEY. The only question is to entertain the G. A. R. We want them to go home from Boston feeling as if they had the time of their lives. If we can get it all off our hands so as to get through on Thursday night or Friday morning, all right. Delegates go to an encampment. What do they get? Nothing but the privilege of paying their bills. Boston has always tried to entertain, but we do not want to spend our money foolishly, but for the benefit of the delegates. If you can fix it so we can get all the delegates on Tuesday and give them an entertainment, all right.

Motion by Hall that the question of fixing the day of the parade be left to the commander in chief was seconded and carried.

BENGOUGH. There is nothing to prevent the commander in chief from issuing an order that all greetings from the allied orders shall be extended at the Tuesday evening meeting.

GILMAN. This will save a great deal of time. Delegations have insisted on coming into our meetings and taking up the time of our encampment. It is up to the commander in chief to have all these greetings and calls on that night. He can do it without any vote of ours.

BENGOUGH. If the commander in chief issues his orders, there won't any delegation get into that encampment.

BRADLEY. The matter of the parade will be left to the commander in chief and he will do whatever he thinks is best. I want to say that the committee put me on one committee and then they thought that was not enough for a young man, so they assigned me to two. I want to say there will be a parade in Boston, not a procession. We won't be left in the midst of a crowd, so we can't see where we have begun or left off. We can march in the order given. We can do that in Boston.

HASKELL. There will be a number of comrades who want to parade, but the length fixed for that parade will deter a good many.

BRADLEY. We can shorten the parade by having the mayor and the governor on the grandstand with the commander in chief. We would not then have to pass the state house and city hall.

STOWITS. There is another side to that question. The shorter the parade, the better for the membership, but in the near vicinity of Boston there is more than a million of people who will want to see that parade and unless the line of march is sufficiently long, they will not have an opportunity. You have many business firms who contribute to the encampment fund, and they usually want the parade to pass their stores.

BRADLEY. The merchants state it is not to their advantage to have the parade pass their stores and they will offer no objection if it does not.

DENNY. I don't know of a parade which did not pass the state house. I think it is a duty we owe the Commonwealth to pass in review of the governor. Then, too, the mayor wants a grandstand in front of the city hall and we should also pass city hall. The State and city are both making liberal appropriations and we should consider their wishes to this extent.

HASKELL. I think both the governor and the mayor will expect the Grand Army to go by the state house and city hall.

DENNY. This is, of course, for the commander in chief to decide, but I feel most strongly in the matter.

WETHERBEE. The committee has arranged a dinner for our guests and for those of our committee who said they would stay and it will be ready at 6 o'clock. I want to say that if the commander in chief and any of his committee want to see a real installation of officers, I will be glad to have them go out to Newtonville after the dinner, to my post, where I am to install.

BENGOUGH. We have already received orders to that effect and have said we would obey.

(Meeting adjourned at 5 p. m.)



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1917—HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS.

The meeting was called to order by Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson at 2.30 o'clock p. m. The following members of the committee, in addition to the commander in chief, were present: Adjt. Gen. H. H. Bengough, Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Comrades Philip G. Woodward, J. W. Willett, Orlando A. Somers, John B. Inman, and Harry L. Beach.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, please come to order. This is a meeting of the executive committee of the national council of administration. Affairs of the organization have run very smoothly this year. It was therefore unnecessary to call any meetings other than that of January last. After corresponding with all the members of the executive committee, it was deemed advisable to confine the January meeting to a subcommittee composed of the members nearest Boston, together with the adjutant general, quartermaster general, and the commander in chief. The business transacted at that meeting will be recited in the minutes that the adjutant general will now read.

(Whereupon the adjutant general read the minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee above referred to and the minutes of the joint meeting of said subcommittee with the Boston encampment committee, both of which meetings were held at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., on January 4, 1917.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the executive committee, and also of the joint meeting with the local executive committee of this city. If there are no objections or corrections, the minutes will stand approved as read. Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The reference made in the minutes to holding the semiofficial meeting on Monday, instead of Tuesday evening, was based upon the proposition that the parade might be held on Tuesday. The semiofficial meeting always takes place the evening before the parade. The matter of fixing the date of the parade was left to the commander in chief, and after considerable discussion and correspondence Tuesday was selected, as indicated in general orders.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. On arriving in Boston on Saturday afternoon last a matter was presented which seemed to be of a serious nature, being a controversy between His Honor James M. Curley, mayor of this city, and the Boston encampment committee, which had arisen in regard to admitting the Russian embassy into the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. The local committee took the position that the parade was for the Grand Army alone

and none other could be admitted into the line of march except the Sons of Veterans as the official escort of our organization, as set forth by general orders of the commander in chief. By arrangement a committee consisting of the mayor and others met the commander in chief for the purpose of adjusting the matter. At this meeting the mayor eloquently urged the advisability of admitting the visiting representatives of the Russian Government into the parade, in recognition of the services rendered our Government during the Civil War. Such a course, he believed, would have a good effect on the Russian people now struggling in the cause of democracy, and further urging that the great importance of the occasion would justify the Grand Army in setting aside any established rules for the time being. The commander in chief replied that he would not violate the practice prevailing for many years, but was ready to offer a solution of the matter, which would no doubt prove satisfactory, which was to permit the Russian embassy, with any escort which the mayor might select, to pass over the route of the parade 15 minutes in advance of the Grand Army and, further, to assign a place on the reviewing stand of the commander in chief to the distinguished visitors. This proposition was at once accepted by the mayor, who expressed himself highly gratified at this happy solution of the matter.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. In order to have a proper record, I move that the action of the commander in chief be approved.

(The motion was put by the commander in chief and duly carried.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Considerable correspondence was necessary before the headquarters rooms and rooms for the members of the staff were assigned in the Hotel Vendome, but finally everything was adjusted in a satisfactory manner.

The quartermaster general will now present his report.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I have filed my report with the stenographer.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The quartermaster general submits his report, which will be referred to the auditing committee that has already been named, and that committee will report to the national council of administration.

Comrade WILLETT. To make the record more complete, I move that the report be so referred without debate.

(The motion prevailed.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Has the quartermaster general any report as to the distribution of badges and tickets?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Commander in Chief, we worked all day yesterday and day before, and until midnight last night, in making the distribution of the badges for the several departments according to the new roll for 1917, and it is all completed. We also made the distribution of the tickets for the reviewing stand. Our number of tickets was limited somewhat, there being only 2,000 tickets. We have distributed 1,992. They will be turned over to the representatives of the departments some time to-night or to-morrow morning. Everything is in readiness. The headquarters rooms for the commander in chief and the adjutant general are all prepared and everything ready to go ahead with the committee on credentials to-morrow morning.

(For the information of the committee, the commander in chief referred at length to the reasons governing him in recommending in his address the necessity of changing from semiannual to annual reports, and Q. M. Gen. Stowits supported the action of the commander in chief, stating he had also recommended the change in his report. A general interchange of views ensued in which the recommendations of the commander in chief and quartermaster general were concurred in.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further business to come before the committee?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. If there is no further business, I move that we now adjourn.

(The motion prevailed, and at 3.30 p. m. the meeting stood adjourned.)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1917, AT 1.30 O'CLOCK P. M., IN THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT THE HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS.

The council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief. Those present were:

Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Adj. Gen. H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Harry L. Beach, of Connecticut.

Comrade Henry W. Hancock, of Delaware.

Comrade H. B. Jeffries, of Florida.

Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.

Comrade Orlando A. Somers, of Indiana.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.

Comrade E. H. Hanson, of Maine.

Comrade Louis E. Pattison, of Massachusetts.

Comrade S. J. Lawrence, of Michigan.

Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.

Comrade Jonathan Edwards, of Nebraska.

Comrade George A. Price, of New York.

Comrade Robert Kee, of North Dakota.

Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade James McKee, of Potomac.

Comrade Charles H. Colburn, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Newton Hacker, of Tennessee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, please come to order. This is a meeting of the national council of administration. The first business will be the call of the roll by the secretary.

(The roll was called by the shorthand reporter, and the comrades whose names are shown above were found to be present.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, this is a meeting to hear reports and receive any criticisms that may be offered as to the past year. I want to say on my own part that the present administration has been very satisfactory. No serious question came up that was necessary to refer to the council or to the executive committee. We will now proceed to the business for which we are called together. The first is to receive the report of the auditing committee on the quartermaster general's report.

(The adjutant general read the report as follows:)

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

AUGUST 15, 1917.

Commander in Chief WILLIAM J. PATTERSON.

DEAR COMRADE: The committee appointed to report on the quartermaster general's report have examined the accounts and find them correct.

They recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by the quartermaster general that annual reports by the assistant adjutants general be made instead of semiannual as at present.

Also the recommendation in regard to the raising of funds for the use of the southern memorial fund be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C., and L.

GEORGE A. PRICE,  
PHILIP WOODWARD,  
J. ANDREW WILT,  
*Committee.*

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. I move the adoption of the report of the committee and recommendations therein for the action of the national encampment.

(The commander in chief and quartermaster general referred to the recommendations in the address of the former and report of the latter bearing upon the change necessary from semiannual to annual reports, which met with the approbation of the entire council.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Has the quartermaster general any report bearing upon the southern memorial fund?

Comrade ALTENBERG. We are deeply interested in that.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, deeply interested. I regret to report, however, that the departments do not act as generously as they should in regard to the southern memorial fund. Had it not been for the large donation of the Woman's Relief Corps, we would have been short of the amount to meet the matter. Less than \$250 was received from all the departments, and part of this long after April 1, when all contributions should be received in order to pro rate the amount to the southern departments.

Comrade SOMERS. Are you sufficiently advised to know the amount necessary?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes; because we have a basis to work on from year to year.

Comrade SOMERS. Could we have a fixed plan to pro rate the amount necessary between the several departments? I am certain that we would succeed in raising the fund every year in that way.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That could be done, but it never has been done.

Comrade SOMERS. This is a voluntary contribution by the departments. If, however, each department was advised of the amount necessary as their contribution, they no doubt would respond in full.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. We can do that very nicely.

Comrade ALTENBERG. If the northern departments understood the situation in the South as we do who have been there for 40 years, there would not be any hesitancy in contributing freely and liberally.

Comrade LAWRENCE. When I was department commander of Michigan many letters were received asking how much our department was to raise. I think the suggestion of Comrade Somers is a good one, to notify the departments the amount expected from each.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I suggest that you do not make it arbitrary. Make it a voluntary contribution, but send them their pro rata.



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That question would have to be worked out very carefully. Has the adjutant general anything to report to the council.

Adj. Gen. BENGOUGH. Permit me to call the attention of the council to the persistent effort on the part of a few comrades in the past, under the plea of economy, to reduce the expenses incident at national headquarters, by curtailing the allowance for the services of the adjutant general and secretary, claiming that the decrease in membership of the order lessened the amount of labor to be performed. The experience of the past year, however, conclusively proves that the effort and claim referred to was based upon a false assumption. The letter files at national headquarters for the past year contain about twice the number of communications and answers as the files of three years ago. Further, the fact that the amount of the permanent fund has increased is clear evidence that proper economy has been exercised in the successful conduct of the business of the order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further business? Does any comrade want to say anything on any subject connected with our organization?

Comrade JEFFRIES, of Florida. Commander in Chief, do you know whether it is intended that this encampment shall take any action expressive of our sympathy with the democratic government that they are attempting to institute in Russia? I have thought about it and hope that the encampment will adopt some resolution or message to send the Russian Government from the Grand Army of the Republic, and it has occurred to me, that we might start it here.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We haven't had time to consider the matter. All we could do would be to make a recommendation.

Comradé WILLETT. The committee on resolutions can be trusted with that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further business to come before the council?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. If there is no further business, I move that we adjourn, as the committee on credentials now desire to meet in this room.

(The motion prevailed, and at 2.10 p. m. the meeting stood adjourned.)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1917, AT 3.15 O'CLOCK P. M. IN NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF: The roll will be called.

The roll was called and the following comrades reported present:

Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.

Adj. Gen. Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade F. G. Sheppard, of Alabama.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade Harry L. Beach, of Connecticut.

Comrade C. J. Hitch, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.

Comrade David Taylor, of Kansas.

Comrade Americus Whedon, of Kentucky.

Comrade Edward H. Haskell, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence, of Michigan.

Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.

Comrade John M. Williams, of Missouri.

Comrade Alfred Atkins, of New Jersey.

Comrade George A. Price, of New York.

Comrade Charles M. Rawlings, of Oklahoma.

Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Newton Hacker, of Tennessee.

Comrade H. W. House, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade H. W. House of Portsmouth, Va., reported as being the member from Virginia and North Carolina, although the roll showed Comrade W. S. Wilson, of National Soldiers' Home, Va., as having been elected. Correspondence has shown that Comrade Wilson was elected a member of the national council of administration and that Comrade House had been chosen by his department to represent it on the committee on resolutions.

The following members of the national council of administration were absent from the meeting:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John L. Clem, Atlanta, Ga.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon, Chicago, Ill.

Surg. Gen. John M. Adams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chaplain in Chief C. H. Frady, Helena, Mont.

Comrade E. S. Godfrey, of Arizona.

Comrade Wm. H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade H. M. Minor, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade James Agnew, of Delaware.  
 Comrade E. S. Upham, of Florida.  
 Comrade C. F. Drake, of Idaho.  
 Comrade William A. Kelsey, of Indiana.  
 Comrade W. B. Barrett, of Louisiana and Mississippi.  
 Comrade Charles E. Nason, of Maine.  
 Comrade W. H. Moffett, of Maryland.  
 Comrade George H. Taylor, of Montana.  
 Comrade C. E. Adams, of Nebraska.  
 Comrade Isaac M. Savage, of New Hampshire.  
 Comrade F. E. Olney, of New Mexico.  
 Comrade Joseph E. Palmer, of North Dakota.  
 Comrade J. K. P. Ferrell, of Ohio.  
 Comrade Wm. M. Hendershot, of Oregon.  
 Comrade Charles Loeffler, of Potomac.  
 Comrade T. C. De Jean, of South Dakota.  
 Comrade Martin Ballweg, of Texas.  
 Comrade Seymour B. Young, of Utah.  
 Comrade James M. Tracy, of Vermont.  
 Comrade W. S. Wilson, of Virginia and North Carolina.  
 Comrade E. A. Shores, of Washington and Alaska.  
 Comrade Smith Risinger, of West Virginia.  
 Comrade D. G. James, of Wisconsin.  
 Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. The first important matter that comes before this council is to decide what shall constitute the executive committee of the council, and I offer the same resolution that was passed last year:

*Resolved.* That the executive committee of the council of administration shall consist of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the council of administration.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. I move the adoption of the resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.)

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Usually we provide next for the sinews of war. That is to say, we do not pay the commander in chief any salary. but we do provide for his traveling expenses, and I take it that the resolution that was adopted at the preceding encampment will be in accord with the situation at this time.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. This is the substance of what was passed last year:

*Resolved.* That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,200, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay actual traveling expenses; that the salary of the adjutant general be fixed at \$1,200 per year; that the salary of the quartermaster general be fixed at \$400 per year; that the bond of the adjutant general be fixed in the sum of \$1,000, and the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of \$5,000, to be executed by surety companies and the expense thereof to be borne by the national encampment; and that the salary of the custodian of records be fixed at \$300 for the ensuing year.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. Move the adoption of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would like to ask a question—it may seem a little personal—whether the traveling expense now is any greater than it has been for previous years, by reason of the high cost of living.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. No, sir.

Comrade HACKER, of Tennessee. I was thinking about that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been seconded. The motion is before the house.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I was waiting patiently to see if there was anything said on that subject. The motion is to adopt, but there is one point I would like to bring up. Heretofore when we have gone to the Pacific coast the amount of the traveling expense—that is, the appropriation subject to the order of the commander in chief—has been somewhat increased. It was at San Francisco, both trips. It was at Los Angeles. It might be well to separate that. It might be well to leave it optional with the commander in chief, with a limit of \$1,500. You can not tell exactly what he may be called upon to do.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Comrade Stowits, if I may be permitted, I will move to substitute \$1,500 in this resolution for the expense bill of the commander in chief.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Comrade WILT. That is the way it reads.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I think that would be fair, comrades.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. May I inquire what it has been?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Twelve hundred.

Comrade WILLIAMS. How much of that was expended?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. All of it.

Comrade WILLIAMS. Was it enough?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, it was, last year.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Gentlemen, you have heard the amendment. All favoring the amendment will make it known by saying aye; opposed, no. Carried. The question is now on the motion as amended, making it \$1,500. Are you ready for the question? All favoring it make it known by saying aye; those opposed, no. The motion is carried.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That brings up the question now of the secretary. That is the only question.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. The next matter for our consideration, Commander in Chief and comrades, is the compensation of the secretary. Last year, as I recall it now, we paid her a hundred dollars a month, and in view of the high cost of living that is deemed scarcely enough. In other words, it ought to be increased somewhat, and in my opinion we should add at least \$25 a month to her salary. While I am on my feet I want to call attention to the fact that the employment of this estimable lady and efficient officer has been in times past questioned on the floor of the national encampment, and we have been told that a stenographer could be procured for half of what we had been paying. But this lady is not merely a stenographer; she is the custodian of information.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. She is the designated secretary of the commander in chief.

Comrade WILLETT. She understands the business, and the business of the office of the commander in chief, and the commander in chief is inducted into this office without any preparation whatever. That is, you will pardon me, what I mean is, without any preparation as regards the detail of the duties that you have to perform, and the amount of correspondence which goes direct to him and is not referred to the adjutant general or the assistant adjutants general. She knows the comrades all over the United States and is more familiar with their peculiarities and with who they are and all, what should be done and how to do it, than any other person, that we have at headquarters, barring none. I won't even except Comrade Stowits because that is detail that he pays no particular attention to. Now, then, we thrashed this out a year ago and three years ago and we concluded that she should have a salary of \$100 a month. Now I understand that the salary of \$100 a month was barely enough for subsistence in view of what her necessities required. In other words, it left no opportunity for her to save a penny out of her compensation, as it were, and some of us who know of the work of this secretary are of the opinion that her salary ought to be increased at least \$25 a month, making her salary for the current year \$1,500 instead of \$1,200.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. Does it take all her time?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, day and night.

Comrade WILLETT. Every minute of her time. I make it as a motion that her salary be fixed at \$1,500 for the current year.

Comrade LAWRENCE, of Michigan. I second that motion, and in so doing—just the statement made by my comrade—I don't know whom the commander in chief is going to appoint for secretary. I hope no motion will be so framed that it will sound as though this council is going to tell him whom he shall appoint. I think that is up to him. But in the event that Miss Flood should be appointed, or any other girl who is equally as good whom the commander in chief may appoint, under the circumstances of the high cost of living, she must dress fairly well, I do not see how a girl can save anything out of \$1,200. I do not think the Grand Army of the Republic wants any comrade's daughter to do our work for less than living expenses, and I heartily approve of and support the \$1,500 proposition.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Comrades, I am like the comrade from Michigan. I think that there sits the man [indicating the commander in chief] who will be responsible for the conduct of the business of the Grand Army for the coming year. I believe he has got a good head on him and knows what he wants to do, but I am going to say to you comrades, that I don't believe that you can get a competent secretary to do the work for any less than \$1,500. I will read the resolution adopted last year.

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief is hereby authorized to employ a secretary at national headquarters at such price as he may deem necessary, after consulting the record of cost heretofore attached to that position.

Now I will add this:

"in a sum not exceeding \$1,500."

Comrade LAWRENCE. I will accept that.



Comrade WILLETT. I accept the resolution offered with the addition, "not to exceed \$1,500," as a substitute for my motion.

Comrade ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. I dare say that there is not a member of the council of administration who will vote against that resolution. We are members of this great organization and we certainly have money enough to pay our secretary, and if you rich folks here in the North haven't money enough or patriotism enough in your hearts to pay your secretary for the next year, come down to Arkansas and we will make it up. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, it is usually people who do not know the amount of work and responsibility that attaches to the secretary's office who say that this is an extravagant sum. Some of our comrades who should be pretty fairly well acquainted with the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic say so. It is the judgment of those who, I believe, are acquainted with it in its present condition, that this salary should be increased. It has been suggested that that be left to the commander in chief. The commander in chief has other duties he is willing to assume, but he is glad to have the amount fixed which shall be subject to expenditure, and I am going to have the roll called and ascertain the feeling of each department. Every man has a right to his own views and to the expression of them, and he will be held responsible for his acts here to-day and he will be willing to be held to them. The reporter will call the roll and you will respond by "aye" or "no."

Whereupon the roll of the members present was called with the following result:

*Alabama*.—Comrade SHEPPARD. We are in favor of the resolution.

*Arkansas*.—Comrade ALTENBERG. Aye.

*Connecticut*.—Comrade BEACH. Aye.

*Georgia and South Carolina*.—Comrade HITCH. I vote for the resolution.

*Illinois*.—Comrade INMAN. Aye.

*Iowa*.—Comrade WILLETT. Aye.

*Kansas*.—Comrade TAYLOR. Yes.

*Kentucky*.—Comrade WHEDON. Favorable.

*Massachusetts*.—Comrade HASKELL. Yes.

*Michigan*.—Comrade LAWRENCE. Aye.

*Minnesota*.—Comrade WOODWARD. Aye.

*Missouri*.—Comrade WILLIAMS. Aye.

*New Jersey*.—Comrade ATKINS. Aye.

*New York*.—Comrade PRICE. Aye.

*Oklahoma*.—Comrade RAWLINGS. Aye.

*Pennsylvania*.—Comrade WILT. Yes, real strong.

*Rhode Island*.—Comrade MEDBERY. Aye.

*Tennessee*.—Comrade HACKER. I vote aye.

The REPORTER. The result is 18 votes in favor of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let the record show the number of votes cast. I announce that the resolution is carried without a dissenting voice.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, there is one other matter. Comrade Stowits will know whether it is desired to bring that matter before the council or not. That is the printing and distribution of the journal.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, I would raise the question. Let's see what the sentiment is. As you know, for the last two years the Government of the United States has printed the journal of the encampment. This year there has been some complaint, owing to the fact that they could not get the Journal out as early as many of the comrades would like to have it. There has been a question raised as to whether or not we should not print this Journal ourselves and pay for it, as we did in former years. The Journal used to cost us about \$1,200 or, in other words, about a dollar a volume, to get it out. By having the Government Printing Bureau produce this Journal we save about \$900 a year; a little over.

The question arises, as Comrade Willett has said, whether or no we shall continue this, and I will put myself on record as saying yes. For this reason: If we can get the minutes of this encampment prior to November 1, or by November 1, we can get it before the House, don't you see, at the opening of the new session in December, and by doing that and getting it in early, with the assistance of George H. Carter, the clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing, we will get that journal out next year before the 1st day of April, and therefore I say that I hope we will continue to allow having it printed by the Government Printing Office.

There is another point, Comrade Willett. This thing has been in existence for three years. We want to make that thing permanent, so we will not be obliged to go before the House every year. We want it done just as they do it for the Daughters of the American Revolution; make that a stable thing, and that they will print the journal each and every year. And that part of this question I trust will be referred to the committee on legislation to see that a bill is offered to the next Congress in December that this journal be permanent.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. Make it a continuing appropriation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there a motion before the house?

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. I move you, commander in chief, that the printing of the journal be continued as heretofore and referred to the committee on legislation for the purpose of having a continuing appropriation.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. There is one other matter, and that is the editing of the journal. I would like to hear from Comrade Stowits on that proposition. It has been customary, as I understand it, to have the outgoing adjutant general edit it, and to pay him a reasonable compensation therefor.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That has been the usual custom, and the appropriation for that purpose has generally been made \$200. I, as quartermaster general, do not care to make that motion. I would ask Comrade Wilt or Comrade Willett to make that motion. I think \$200 is a fair compensation for editing the journal.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief, I will move that the editing of the journal for the past year be done by the retiring adjutant general, and he be paid \$200 for his work.

Which motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, there is another question that has not been discussed during the last two years, I believe—maybe for a greater length of time. When the headquarters went to Iowa they were given space in the statehouse where they had ample room. When it went to Pittsburgh it went into their great memorial hall without expense. When it comes to Indianapolis we are not so favored. Our statehouse, which was thought to be ample for all time, is so crowded with new organizations and commissions that there will be no room for the Grand Army of the Republic. We will be compelled to pay rent.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. How much?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is pretty difficult to say. You who are better acquainted with the required space for the adjutant general's office would probably have a better idea.

Comrade TAYLOR, of Kansas. I move that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, and the executive committee that may be appointed, and the commander in chief by their advice will furnish a place, and that this committee will vote the money necessary to maintain that place during the whole year. I make that as a motion.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. Make the amount not to exceed \$500.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I beg your pardon. With all due deference, I would suggest that we amend that motion by turning the subject matter all over to the commander in chief, with a limit of \$500.

Comrade TAYLOR. Don't put a limit. Let him alone. Don't tie your commander's hands down.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Just leave it to the commander in chief.

Comrade TAYLOR. That is what I want to do. I want the commander in chief to be clothed with the power to do business. I don't want him to be hampered in any way. He is competent and he is honest.

Comrade HASKELL, of Massachusetts. I understand the comrade's remarks ended with a motion to refer the whole matter to the commander in chief with authority to act. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All who favor it will say "aye." Opposed, "no." Carried. I will say that the commander in chief will be as economical as the people who have the best interests of the Grand Army at heart could desire.

Comrade ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. Where will the headquarters be for the next 12 months?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Headquarters will be at Indianapolis and will be in the State Life Building. Some one wanted to know why they might not be at Kokomo, because Kokomo is about the best place on earth. Indianapolis has better railroad facilities. I am of the opinion that there is no city in any State that is too great to be the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Indianapolis is a great city.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. How far from Kokomo?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Fifty-five miles. I assure you if I wanted to save expense for myself and had nothing else in view it would have been in Kokomo. But I have chosen the city of Indian-

apolis because when you gentlemen have occasion to pass through and stop at headquarters you will find one of the liveliest cities in the United States of America, and if you desire to stop off at headquarters, you will find, I think, headquarters that will be satisfactory.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would move that the compensation for reporting the proceedings of the encampment be \$200. That is the sum that we have heretofore paid.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Does that include transcript?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Transcript, three copies.

Comrade WILLETT. I will say that is cheaper than he works for other fellows.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any other business?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. There is one thing to remark, that this is the first time that there has not been a "no" vote.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. I am a new member. I haven't had any experience here before. We are appropriating considerable money. I would like to know how much money there is on hand. I could not hear any of the reports.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. It is all printed.

Comrade WILLIAMS. Yes, I know. Can you state in round numbers?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. \$36,875 in the permanent fund; \$3,912.52 in the general fund.

Comrade WILLIAMS. We are not bankrupt by any means.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. No, sir. In addition to that, I have \$1,500 in my pocket. Thank God, we have the Woman's Relief Corps. I have \$1,000 here in my pocket from them.

Comrade INMAN, of Illinois. He showed Missouri.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any other matter? Any other remarks?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I move we adjourn subject to call of the commander in chief.

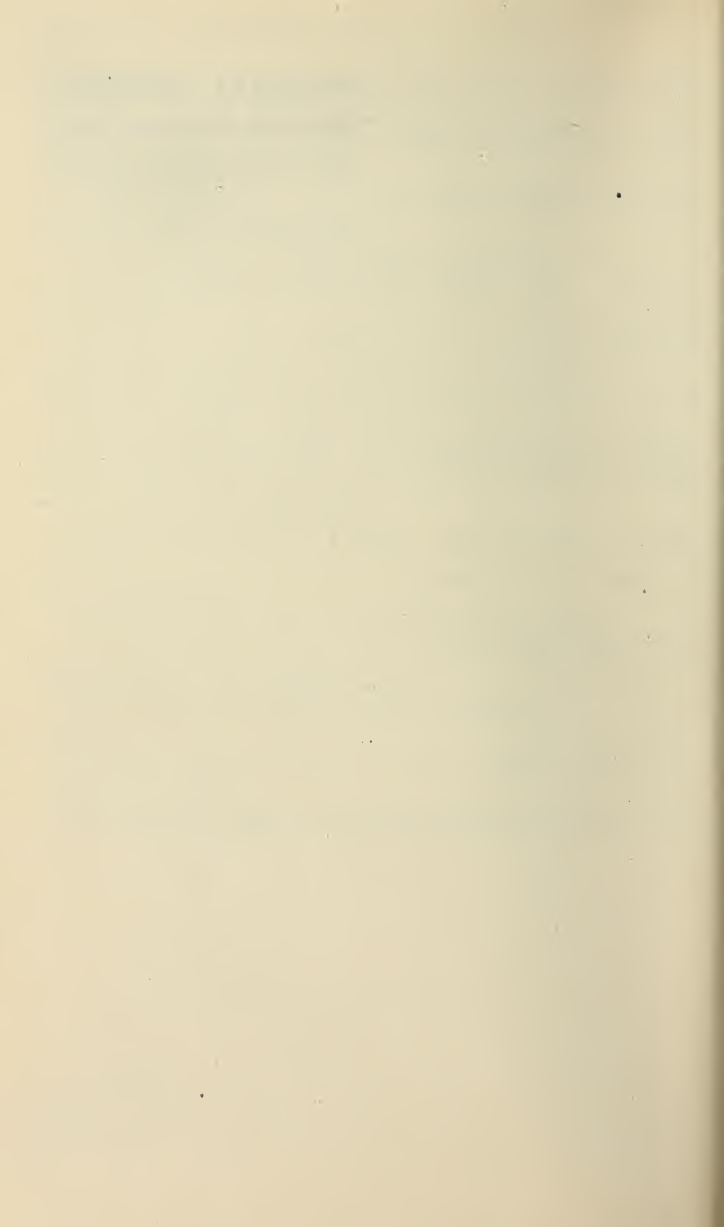
Which motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried; and at 4.15 p. m. the meeting stood adjourned.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
*Kansas City, Mo., September 1, 1916.*

1. Having been elected commander in chief by the Fiftieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

2. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., where all official communications will be addressed to the adjutant general.

3. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant general, H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.; quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.; assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.

4. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

WILLIAM J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL,  
*Pittsburgh, Pa., October 9, 1916.*

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

I. At the Fiftieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Kansas City, Mo., August 28 to September 2, 1916, the following-named comrades were duly elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Senior vice commander in chief: Wm. H. Wormstead, Kansas City, Mo.

Junior vice commander in chief: E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.

Surgeon general: William M. Hanna, Aurora, Ill.

Chaplain in chief: O. S. Reed, Manzanola, Colo.

National council of administration:

Alabama: F. G. Sheppard, Birmingham.

Arizona: E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: N. R. Richardson, Ontario, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming: O. S. Reed, Manzanola, Colo.

Connecticut: Harry L. Beach, Hartford.

Delaware: Henry W. Hancock, Philadelphia, Pa.

Florida: H. B. Jeffries, Zephyrhills.

Georgia and South Carolina: William M. Scott, Atlanta, Ga.

Idaho: A. G. Nettleton, Nampa.

Illinois: John B. Inman, Springfield.

Indiana: Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo.

Iowa: J. W. Willett, Tama.

Kansas: Charles Harris, Emporia.

Kentucky: J. H. Ashcraft, Paducah.

Louisiana and Mississippi: Basile Ulger, New Orleans, La.

Maine: E. H. Hanson, Portland.

Maryland: Joseph Dulany, Baltimore.

Massachusetts: Louis E. Pattison, Webster.

Michigan: R. A. Parker, Detroit.

Minnesota: Philip G. Woodward, Anoka.

Missouri: Frank M. Sterrett, Troy, Ohio.

Montana: George H. Taylor, Helena.

Nebraska: Jonathan Edwards, Omaha.

New Hampshire: Edmund Tetley, Laconia.

New Jersey: Alfred Atkins, Roselle Park.

New Mexico: O. L. Gregory, East Las Vegas.

New York: George A. Price, Brooklyn.

North Dakota: Robert Kee, Sanborn.

Ohio: Alvin M. Woolson, Toledo.

Oklahoma: F. M. Cline, Woodward.

Oregon: Wm. M. Clemmens, Newberg.

Pennsylvania: J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda.

Potomac: James McKee, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island: John T. Kenyon, Providence.

South Dakota: Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls.

Tennessee: Newton J. Hacker, Jonesboro.

Texas: Martin Ballweg, Dallas.

Utah: S. B. Young, Salt Lake City.

Vermont: E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.

Virginia and North Carolina: E. M. Huston, Winchester, Va.

Washington and Alaska: Henry Brown, Spokane, Wash.

West Virginia: C. T. Reed, Wheeling.

Wisconsin: John W. Ganes, Ripon.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Judge advocate general: Ralzemond A. Parker, Detroit, Mich.  
 Inspector general: Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 National patriotic instructor: Uriah Seely, Newark, N. J.  
 Assistant adjutant general: E. B. Stillings, Boston, Mass.  
 Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Chief of staff: William M. Hahn, Mansfield, Ohio.  
 Senior aid-de-camp: B. J. Coll, Pittsburgh, Pa.

III. At a meeting of the national council of administration held at the Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo., September 1, 1916, it was voted that the executive committee of the national council of administration should consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the national council of administration.

In accordance with this action, the following-named members of the national council of administration are hereby appointed members of the executive committee:

George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Philip G. Woodward, Anoka, Minn.  
 J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.  
 Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.  
 Alvin M. Woolson, Toledo, Ohio.  
 John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.  
 Harry L. Beach, Hartford, Conn.

IV. Official headquarters are established at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. Comrade N. R. Richardson, member of the national council of administration from the department of California and Nevada, having died at Chicago, Ill., the week following the national encampment, and Comrade M. H. Wager, Ocean Park, Cal., having been appointed by the commander of the department of California and Nevada to fill the vacancy, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VI. Comrade O. S. Reed, member of the national council of administration from the department of Colorado and Wyoming, having been elected chaplain in chief, Comrade Henry C. Watson, Greeley, Colo., has been appointed by the commander of the department of Colorado and Wyoming to represent his department on the national council, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VII. Comrade Ralzemond A. Parker, member of the national council of administration from the department of Michigan, having been appointed judge advocate general, Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence, Wyandotte, Mich., has been appointed by the commander of the department of Michigan to represent his department on the national council, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VIII. The following named comrades are appointed members of the committee on legislation:

Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich., chairman.  
 Isaac R. Sherwood, Toledo, Ohio.  
 Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C.  
 Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 John McElroy, Washington, D. C.

IX. Assistant adjutants general must forward all requisitions for supplies, etc., with remittances therefor, direct to Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 877 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general. All remittances for amounts of less than \$5 must be sent in post-office money orders. At the end of each month he will make a report to these headquarters of his receipts and expenditures.

X. Department commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters, as soon as possible, the names of comrades whom they desire to recommend for appointment as aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They

are requested to give the full names of the comrades recommended, their post number, and post-office address, so that notice of appointment may be sent them promptly.

The official badge for aids-de-camp is as follows: Rank strap, silver eagle on black enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag with buff border.

Following the custom of previous administrations every aid-de-camp will be required to pay \$1 for his badge and commission, which covers the cost of badge, commission, and engrossing the same, and the necessary printing and postage. If a comrade has a badge, he will pay 50 cents only, to cover cost of commission, engrossing the same, and the necessary printing and postage. On receipt of acceptance of appointment and remittance, names of comrades thus accepting will be published in general orders.

Comrades appointed aids-de-camp will be expected to be active and energetic in the interests of the order and to give special attention to recruiting.

XI. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their departments, with brief sketch of military and Grand Army service, that it may be published in general orders.

XII. The assistant adjutant general of each department is requested to send to these headquarters, without delay, a copy of the department roster and journal of the last department encampment. He is also requested to send department general orders to national headquarters.

XIII. Assistant inspectors general will be appointed by the commander in chief on the nomination of the inspector general. They will report for duty to the inspector general and will be advised by him as to the duties of their office.

XIV. Comrades are reminded that the judge advocate general can render an opinion only to the commander in chief, and that all requests for an opinion or appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters.

XV. The commander in chief hopes to arrange a schedule of visitations to department encampments so as to visit a large number with a minimum of expense and travel. Assistant adjutants general are requested to notify him promptly on receipt of these orders as to the location of their next department encampment, with date, if it has been fixed.

XVI. General orders No. 1, which were issued in Kansas City, Mo., to department headquarters only, will not be issued to posts, as the information contained therein is incorporated in these orders.

XVII. Committees will be announced in future general orders.

XVIII. The commander in chief takes this occasion to express to the comrades at large his sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon him by your representatives at the Fiftieth National Encampment. He feels deeply sensible of the great responsibilities of the office and earnestly requests the cooperation and assistance of every wearer of the "Bronze Button."

The post is the foundation of our order. Comrades can render the organization the best service by manifesting an interest in its affairs and helping to maintain its membership. Comrades, see to it that every man who "marched to the music of the Union" and is eligible has an opportunity to join our ranks. Let every comrade feel that he has a personal interest in keeping our grand organization up to the high standard it now holds in the estimation of our countrymen.

By command of—

W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
*Adjutant General.*

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### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Henry A. Castle, past commander of the department of Minnesota, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., August 16, 1916, aged 75 years. He enlisted in 1862 as a private in the Seventy-third Illinois Infantry and was promoted to sergeant major. December 31, 1862, he was severely wounded, and was discharged for disability April 17, 1863. In May, 1864, he raised Company A,



One hundred and thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and was commissioned captain and was mustered out in October, 1864. Comrade Castle joined the Grand Army of the Republic in Quincy, Ill., in August, 1866, and later organized Post No. 21 at St. Paul, Minn. He was elected commander of the department in 1872 and served for three consecutive years.

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## INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. Lucy Clark English, Box 126, Beaver, Okla., desires to hear from anyone who can give her information as to her brother, Henry Clark, of Company A, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, Col. Brackett, commanding. He was a prisoner 11 months in Andersonville.

Comrade B. J. Carr, 1253 Broadway, Alameda, Cal., desires information as to the service of Thomas King, who formerly lived in Covington, Ky., and enlisted in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1861. He was a shoemaker and is said to have enlisted with a number of shoemakers. He died in 1894 and his widow desires a pension.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL,  
Pittsburgh, Pa., November 29, 1916.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

I. The commander in chief takes the present occasion to extend hearty Christmas greetings to all his comrades.

As we exchange tokens of friendship while commemorating the joyous anniversary of the most wonderful event of the ages, let us not forget to "seek out and aid the deserving poor, who would rather starve than press their necessities upon you." Let him that hath an abundance bestow some portion of his goods upon needy and destitute comrades and thereby turn many a heavy heart from "sadness into gladness."

Remember, that it was He whose natal day we celebrate who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

II. The Fifty-first National Encampment will meet in Boston, Mass., in 1917, and further information will be given in future general orders.

III. The following amendments to the rules and regulations were adopted by the Fiftieth National Encampment:

Amend Chapter II, Article II, section 8, to read:

A member-elect shall pay before enlistment and muster an admission fee of not less than \$1, except to posts located at national and State soldiers' homes, who shall be permitted to accept members at the sum of \$1, said amount to cover muster and dues for the first year; after the expiration of said term he shall pay the yearly dues levied in the post. Upon muster-in he shall subscribe to a copy of their regulations and by-laws, etc.

Amend Chapter III, Article II, section 5, to read:

Past department commanders, past senior and junior vice department commanders and past post commanders, who have removed to another Department than that in which they so served, and have joined a post upon transfer card, may, by resolution duly adopted by the department encampment to which they have been transferred, be entitled to all the honors and privileges of such positions in the posts and in the encampment of that department so long as they remain in good standing in their posts, etc.

Amend Chapter V, Article I, section 3, by striking out section 3 of said article and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 3. Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than ten members desire the continuance of the post, as provided in Chapter II. Article I. In case of surrender or forfeiture of a charter, the property of the department, including books of record and post papers, shall be immediately turned over to the assistant quartermaster general of the department and shall be subject to the disposition of the department encampment: *Provided*, That any post surrendering its charter may, if it shall so vote, deposit all books of record and post papers with the nearest historical society, public library or managers of a Grand Army memorial building, within such department, to be kept and preserved by such society, library, or managers of such memorial building. The receipt of such historical society, public library or managers of a Grand Army memorial building deposited with the department commander shall be evidence that the rules and regulations have been complied with. It shall be the duty of the commander of the post voting to make such deposit, to procure such receipt and forward the same to the department commander.

IV. The following was added to the "Burial of the dead" ceremony in the service book:

After taps have sounded, the commander says:

"Taps are sounded,  
Lights are out,  
The soldier sleeps."

The above addition was introduced by Comrade John B. Inman, past department commander of Illinois.

V. The Fiftieth National Encampment adopted the following:

1. A resolution asking Congress to appropriate \$150,000 to provide for the Peace Jubilee at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1917.

2. A resolution protesting against the proposed Dixie Bee Line Marker, which has the Stars and Stripes on one side and the Stars and Bars on the other.

3. A resolution expressing the thanks and appreciation of the encampment for the entertainment furnished by the encampment committee of Kansas City, the Grand Army posts, the municipal authorities, and the people of the city, and thanking the Boy Scouts for their aid and helpfulness.

4. A resolution that a memorial page in the Journal be set aside for a proper testimonial to Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, and that Past Commanders in Chief Palmer, Monfort, and Tanner constitute the committee to prepare the testimonial.

5. A resolution that Comrade William M. Scott, of Atlanta, Ga., be requested to write a letter of greetings from the encampment to Comrade Joseph Dutton, who is working among the lepers at Molokai.

6. A resolution that whereas Past Commander in Chief Gobin left a bequest to the national encampment, the incoming adjutant general prepare resolutions, have them engrossed, and sent to Mrs. Gobin.

7. A recommendation that the encampment approve the passage by Congress of the volunteer officers' retirement bill.

8. A recommendation that a committee be appointed to secure a testimonial for the retiring commander in chief.

9. A recommendation that the treasurer of the permanent fund, upon proper requisition from the commander in chief, shall turn over to the quartermaster general, such sum or sums of money as may be found to be actually necessary to meet current expenses, this amount not to exceed 10 per cent of the permanent fund in any one year.

10. A recommendation that a call for contributions to the southern memorial fund be made through general orders, such contributions to be in the hands of the quartermaster general not later than April 1, 1917.

VI. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded to forward semiannual reports for the term ending December 31, 1916, with per capita tax of 1½ cents per member, not later than January 20, 1917. Checks or money orders for per capita tax should be made payable to Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, but should be sent with Forms C and D to H. H. Bengough, adjutant general, Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

VII. Many departments have failed to notify these headquarters of the time and place of their department encampments. Those who have failed to do so are requested to send this information at once, that the commander in chief may arrange his itinerary.

VIII. The commander in chief desires to call the attention of the posts and members, particularly in the northern departments, to the necessity of contributing generously to the southern memorial fund. Our comrades in the South are doing their utmost to see that no grave of a comrade is forgotten on Memorial Day, often traveling many miles to perform this duty. Without our aid they can not carry on this labor of love and respect, and the larger and stronger departments should not be found wanting when called on for assistance. Departments are requested to send contributions for the southern memorial fund to the quartermaster general not later than April 1, 1917.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are again reminded that requisitions for supplies should not be sent to the adjutant general, but should be mailed direct to the quartermaster general.

X. The appointment of assistant inspectors general will be announced in next general orders.

XI. The following committees are hereby appointed:

Committee on rules and regulations and ritual:

Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., Chairman.

Thomas J. Stewart, Harrisburg, Pa.

H. M. Trimble, Princeton, Ill.

E. R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.

W. A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, Ind.

Committee on Gettysburg peace monument:

Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman.

John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass.

Elias R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Elisha H. Rhodes, Providence, R. I.  
 Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.  
 John Bigelow, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Lester S. Wilson, Bozeman, Mont.  
 Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, Pa.  
 David Beem, Spencer, Ind.  
 George W. Martin, Brookfield, Me.  
 Charles H. McConnell, Chicago, Ill.  
 L. L. Cadwell, Decorah, Iowa.  
 John H. Banderob, Oshkosh, Wis.  
 George Breck, New York, N. Y.  
 Thomas H. Brown, Sioux City, S. Dak.

Committee to obtain testimonial for past commander in chief Monfort:

Thomas J. Stewart, Harrisburg, Pa.

Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.

II. The following comrades, having complied with paragraph X. General Orders, No. 2, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			OHIO.		
Aubery, James M. ....	55	Los Angeles.	Clapsaddle, F. A. ....	729	Alliance.
Noll, William H. ....	55	Do.	Haas, Augustus. ....	99	Bellaire.
Sanders, Carlton E. ....	55	Do.	Hoak, John T. ....	65	Elyria.
Sapp, Willis M. ....	55	Do.	Koser, Samuel W. ....	149	Bryan.
Wagner, Charles T. ....	55	Do.	OKLAHOMA.		
ILLINOIS.			Dennie, J. R. ....	1	Oklahoma City.
Brewer, Harlan L. ....	729	Rock Falls.	PENNSYLVANIA.		
Healy, James J. ....	5	Chicago.	Abel, Edward. ....	259	Pittsburgh.
Lewis, Edward H. ....	28	Do.	Armbrust, H. R. ....	276	Greensburg.
INDIANA.			Arthur, Louis. ....	207	Homestead.
Biddle, Jerome H. ....	74	Remington.	Blair, F. L. ....	88	Pittsburgh.
MASSACHUSETTS.			Boyd, John H. ....	114	Philadelphia.
Bailey, Henry J. ....	22	Milford.	Bower, A. J. ....	180	Uniontown.
Chase, S. F. ....	62	Newtonville.	Bradberry, Wm. T. ....	162	Pittsburgh.
Flood, John. ....	62	Newton.	Brown, Samuel. ....	117	Do.
Pond, Henry A. ....	22	Milford.	Cain, John. ....	207	Homestead.
MICHIGAN.			Campbell, Irvin K. ....	259	Pittsburgh.
Bronson, Levi A. ....	455	Montrose.	Chessbrow, J. Y. ....	157	Do.
Call, Harrison O. ....	441	Mason.	Cooke, Montgomery. ....	88	Do.
Dickinson, Charles N. ....	75	Grand Haven.	Craig, Isaac. ....	215	Do.
Elliott, A. E. ....	108	Grand Ledge.	Corbly, Eli C. ....	155	Do.
Guthard, Jacob. ....	384	Detroit.	Daly, John. ....	157	Grafton.
Miller, Charles H. ....	78	Dansville.	Day, Theodore. ....	548	Wilkinsburg.
Miner, Anderson A. ....	218	Luther.	Deetz, Henry C. ....	2	Philadelphia.
Morse, Isaac. ....	53	Mason.	Dierst, Fred. ....	155	Pittsburgh.
Palmer, Oscar. ....	240	Grayling.	Donne, Daniel. ....	23	Pottsville.
Parker, A. S. ....	32	Battle Creek.	Doran, William T. ....	230	Pittsburgh.
Smalley, W. J. ....	109	Coldwater.	Doron, William E. ....	97	Wilkes-Barre.
MINNESOTA.			Drury, William T. ....	495	Tarentum.
Bacon, James H. ....	35	Litchfield.	Duryea, William J. ....	55	Philadelphia.
Norse, Henry A. ....	8	St. Paul.	Evans, Samuel M. ....	259	Pittsburgh.
Schmidt, Henry. ....	85	Redwood Falls.	Fawcett, C. C. ....	181	McKeesport.
NEW YORK.			Fenimore, James S. ....	1	Philadelphia.
Avery, Arthur B. ....	506	East Aurora.	Fletcher, John B. ....	8	Do.
Chase, Charles E. ....	20	Poughkeepsie.	Fratz, F. H. ....	405	Lancaster.
Combes, Charles U. ....	44	New York.	Friesel, J. A. ....	157	Pittsburgh.
Lyons, William H. ....	35	Brooklyn.	Gardner, Edward R. ....	3	Do.
Plummer, William S. ....	20	Poughkeepsie.	Gardner, O. K. ....	230	Do.
Secord, Warren D. ....	500	New Rochelle.	Geissinger, George B. ....	128	Millvale.
Williams, John A. ....	500	Brooklyn.	Graham, William H. ....	88	Pittsburgh.
			Griffiths, Joseph. ....	2	Philadelphia.
			Grissim, John. ....	7	Do.
			Haldeman, Samuel M. ....	5	Do.
			Hall, John, jr. ....	215	Pittsburgh.
			Harrold, H. J. ....	79	Conshohocken.
			Henderson, Hugh. ....	276	Youngwood.
			Hicks, J. D. ....	468	Altoona.
			Hoffman, E. B. ....	58	Harrisburg.

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
PENNSYLVANIA.—contd.			PENNSYLVANIA.—contd.		
Hurst, J. Lee.....	59	McKeesport.	Shaw, James.....	162	Bellevue.
Johns, Leonard E.....	259	Pittsburgh.	Sill, Conrad.....	215	Pittsburgh.
Johnson, James.....	162	Do.	Smith, Charles O.....	259	Do.
Jones, Richard.....	236	Do.	Spangler, J. K.....	59	McKeesport.
Jones, Thomas G.....	236	Do.	Spohn, R. N.....	230	Pittsburgh.
Knorr, Victor C.....	181	Braddock.	Steckel, L. D.....	276	Greensburg.
Langsdale, James H.....	128	Pittsburgh.	Stephens, T. P.....	28	Indiana.
Lantz, C. R.....	42	Lebanon.	Tipton, Charles E.....	10	Philadelphia.
Leinbach, J. S.....	64	Williamsport.	Wherry, John A.....	117	Pittsburgh.
Laurel, T. J.....	206	Pittsburgh.	Williams, Andrew G.....	105	Butler.
Little, John.....	157	Do.	Williams, John W.....	38	Etna.
Lindsay, George G.....	226	Marietta.	Woy, John.....	30	Johnstown.
Lowry, W. A.....	105	Butler.	Yahres, S. H.....	38	Etna.
Lynn, P. A.....	117	Pittsburgh.			
McClellan, James H.....	276	Greensburg.	SOUTH DAKOTA.		
McCune, J. W.....	84	Lancaster.	Anderson, Edward.....	61	Frankfort.
McDavid, Alexander.....	215	Pittsburgh.	Baird, M. M.....	143	Sturgis.
McKenna, Charles F.....	3	Do.	Elsom, Joseph.....	54	Northville.
McMillin, Joseph C.....	100	New Castle.	Gale, Edwin.....	96	Clark.
Mackey, J. K. L.....	423	Shippensburg.	Geeting, W. O.....	21	Lennox.
Mallasee, L. W.....	215	Pittsburgh.	Grove, A. T.....	74	Brookings.
Maple, Thomas S.....	259	Do.	Hoffman, George H.....	50	Selby.
Maskings, Albert.....	94	Philadelphia.	McCaskell, William.....	82	De Smet.
Miller, Andrew S.....	162	Bellevue.	Melvin, A. A.....	10	Sioux Falls.
Miller, William L.....	41	Pittsburgh.	Peterson, James.....	8	Vermilion.
Moore, George W.....	153	Carnegie.	Sherman, S. J.....	48	Ipswich.
Morgan, Griffith E.....	21	Philadelphia.	Stombaugh, George H.....	15	Egan.
Murdough, W. L.....	181	Braddock.	Wilcox, A.....	94	Custer.
Murray, J. Myers.....	12	Philadelphia.	Wohlford, T. J.....	52	Armour.
Nixon, John.....	88	Bellevue.			
Owens, J. M.....	176	Lewistown.	WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.		
Patrick, John B.....	58	Harrisburg.	Day, William B.....	118	Retsil.
Patterson, Frank K.....	32	Pittsburgh.	Irby, James.....	54	Orting.
Pershing, J. H.....	276	Greensburg.			
Robertson, Anthony A.....	71	Philadelphia.	WISCONSIN.		
Runkle, C. D.....	236	Pittsburgh.	Stevens, Joseph.....	140	Washburn.
Sankey, James T.....	153	Crafton.			
Scott, Samuel.....	88	Pittsburgh.			
Seckel, W. B.....	11	Norristown.			
Shafer, B. F.....	548	Wilkesburg.			

Further appointments of aides-de-camp will be announced in future general orders.

By command of—

W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
*Adjutant General.*

### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade William Warner, past commander in chief, died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., October 4, 1916, aged 77 years. Comrade Warner assisted in the organization of the Thirty-third Wisconsin Infantry and was mustered in as first lieutenant and adjutant September 11, 1862, and on March 14, 1863, he was promoted to captain of Company D of that regiment. From October, 1863, to September, 1864, he served as acting assistant adjutant general of the Fourth Division, Seventeenth Army Corps. He was promoted to major of the Forty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry September 13, 1864, and served as acting assistant inspector general from April 6, 1865, until he was mustered out on August 28, 1865.

At the close of the war Comrade Warner began the practice of law in Kansas City. From March 4, 1905, to March 4, 1911, he represented Missouri in the United States Senate. He was a charter member of Post No. 8 at Kansas City, and upon the organization of the department of Missouri, in 1882, was elected department commander, being reelected to that office at the second department encampment. He was elected senior vice commander in chief at St. Louis, Mo., in 1887, and was elected commander in chief at Columbus, Ohio, in 1888.



Comrade Joseph Greenwood, past commander of the department of Alabama, died at the home of his son in San Francisco, Cal., August 19, 1916, aged 70 years. Comrade Greenwood enlisted in Company I, Forty-third Wisconsin Infantry, at the age of 17 years, and served until the close of the war. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in Wisconsin and in 1909 joined Post No. 1, department of Alabama, by transfer. He served as assistant adjutant general in 1911 and was elected department commander in 1913.

Comrade Charles E. Wilson, past commander of the department of California, died at his home in San Francisco, Cal., October 7, 1916, aged 77 years. Comrade Wilson served in the Second Maine Cavalry during the Civil War. He was elected department commander in 1895.

Comrade William J. L. Hughes, past commander of the department of Kentucky, died at his home in Owensboro, Ky., October 31, 1916, aged 72 years. Comrade Hughes enlisted in Company C, Third Kentucky Cavalry, March 23, 1864, and was discharged August 2, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1913.

Comrade Adley B. Lawrence, past commander of the department of Utah, died at his home in Salt Lake City, November 9, 1916, aged 79 years. Comrade Lawrence enlisted November 24, 1861, as first lieutenant in Durell's independent battery, Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, and was mustered out June 13, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1911.

Comrade Thomas C. Lundy, past commander of the department of Utah, died at his home in Ogden, November 17, aged 83 years. Comrade Lundy served as commissary sergeant of the Thirteenth Illinois Infantry during the war. He was elected department commander in 1910.

Comrade John T. Kenyon, member of the national council of administration from the department of Rhode Island, died at his home in Providence, R. I., October 29, 1916. Comrade Kenyon enlisted in Company B, First Rhode Island Cavalry, October 4, 1861, and was mustered out October 4, 1864.

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#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Henry Watson, 54 Reed Street, Boston, Mass., wants to hear of any comrades of the Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, particularly members of Company K.

J. H. Malone, R. D. No. 25, Bethel, Conn., desires information about John Ledden or Ledding, Company H, Second Minnesota Cavalry; his address, if living, or date and place of death.

Johanna Horst, inmate of Old Woman's Home, Galveston, Tex., desires to hear from any one who knew her husband, Robert Horst, of the United States Navy, while he was an inmate of the hospital at Mobile, Ala., in 1865. On recovering from his illness he was retained at the hospital as nurse under Surg. Cole during the yellow-fever epidemic.

Charles Warden, Aitkin, Minn., desires to get in communication with any member of Company H, One hundred and sixty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry, who knew him while he was with that company or while he was in Stanton Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Thomas J. Stebbins, 325 Franklin Avenue, Kansas City, Kans., desires to hear from Thomas Jacob and Joseph Monfor, of Company B, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

T. P. Randolph, 1125A Dolman Street, St. Louis, Mo., desires information as to whereabouts of Wells S. Randolph, who enlisted at Bath, Ill., May 25, 1861, in the Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL,  
*Pittsburgh, Pa., April 5, 1917.*

## GENERAL ORDERS, No. 4.

I. In accordance with the custom and requirements of the Grand Army of the Republic, Wednesday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day. This day for almost half a century has been devoted to honoring the memory of our loyal heroic dead. This is the day on which a grateful people pay loving homage to those who died that the Nation might live. This is the day set apart by our order to fittingly commemorate the glorious deeds of the men who fell in battle or who followed the flag in action to the end of the war and have since answered the last roll call.

It is the burden duty of every loyal comrade to participate in the loving and patriotic services of Memorial Day. Let us remember that the men whose mortal remains now rest under the sod and the dew rendered the full measure of devotion to our country. Let us not make this soldiers' memorial wholly a day of sorrow. While we drop the sympathetic tear for those who have left us since our last annual Memorial Day, let us also rejoice at the high standard of patriotism that inspired the stalwart youth of our land to stand as a living wall of defense of our country in the years of its peril.

Let us continue while our beloved order lasts to keep Memorial Day bright before the American people. Let the living defenders of the Republic honor the memory of our dead comrades in arms by placing flags and flowers on the green mounds that cover them over.

"Flowers for the mourned ones, fresh in their bloom,  
Gifts of the grateful brighten their tomb;  
Sing the glad anthems, loved they so well,  
Speak of their loyalty, deeds of theirs tell;  
Visit each grave with a floral oblation,  
Leave, where they slumber, love's sweet decoration."

II. As provided by the forty-fifth national encampment, flags shall be placed at half mast and bells tolled for five minutes from 12 o'clock noon at all public Grand Army exercises on Memorial Day, during which time every comrade shall remain standing, uncovered.

III. The national encampment has directed that Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and Gen. Logan's Memorial Day order shall be read as a part of the public services. The following is a copy of Past Commander in Chief Logan's Memorial Day order:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
*Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.*

## GENERAL ORDERS, No. 11.

1. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony in prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime. Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor. Let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN,  
*Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
*Adjutant General.*

IV. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has for some years been observed as Memorial Sunday. Posts should arrange to attend some church on that day in goodly numbers and invite its allied orders to participate with them in the services.

V. Post commanders should see that comrades are detailed to visit public and private schools in their vicinity on one or more days next preceding Memorial Day to instruct the boys and girls in the lessons of the great Civil War. Comrades should remember on such occasions that they are living apostles of patriotism, and that they are teaching the youth of the land by example as well as by precept. Children are keen critics and scan actions more than words. Wear the uniform of the order whenever possible.

#### FLAG DAY.

VI. The 14th day of June is recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as Flag Day. The comradeship of our order, in unison with all loyal and patriotic citizens, will display the colors of the Nation this day in honor of the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the flag by the Congress of the United States, June 14, 1777.

“Up! Up! with the old flag—  
Up! Up! to the sky!  
O God! bless the old flag!  
Thy truth must not die!”

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

VII. The commander in chief, accompanied by the adjutant general, quartermaster general, and Comrades Price and Beach, of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, visited Boston during the first week in January. At a joint meeting with the Boston Encampment Committee the date for the Fifty-first National Encampment was fixed for the week beginning Sunday, August 19. From assurances given by the Boston committee, the State and city officials, it seems nothing will be left undone to make the coming annual meeting of the National Encampment interesting and pleasant.

VIII. The following leading hotels in Boston have filed agreements not to increase their regular rates, varying from \$2 to \$5 a day, during the week of the encampment:

Copley Plaza.	Touraine.	Brunswick.
Somerset.	Parker House.	Lenox.
Vendome.	Young's.	Copley Square.
Victoria.	Commonwealth.	Castle Square.
Thorndike.	Bellevue.	Brewster.
Westminster.	Adams House.	<b>Avery.</b>

IX. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established in the Hotel Vendome during the week of the encampment.

X. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Tuesday, August 21, and with the exception of the necessary bands and the Sons of Veterans, who are the official escort of our order, none but members of the Grand Army will be permitted in the line.

XI. The national encampment will convene for the transaction of business on Wednesday, August 22, at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday evening, August 20, at 8 o'clock, the semiofficial opening of the encampment will take place, at which meeting addresses of welcome will be given by the State and city officials, and greetings will be extended by the presiding officers of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies

of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. All greetings will be extended at this meeting, as no greetings committees or delegations of any organization will be admitted during the business sessions of the encampment.

XII. The change of the parade from Wednesday to Tuesday and the opening of the business sessions of the encampment on Wednesday instead of Thursday was decided upon at the earnest request of the Boston encampment committee, for the reason that they desire to entertain the members of the encampment on Friday and Saturday. Comrades who are planning to attend the encampment are therefore urged to so plan that they may remain in Boston after the close of the business sessions on Thursday and enjoy the hospitality of the city.

XIII. Further information as to general accommodations to be arranged for by the local committee, and as to the parade, semiofficial opening of the encampment, and business sessions will be given in future general orders.

XIV. Tuesday, June 5, the McKinley Birthplace Memorial will be dedicated at Niles, Ohio, under the auspices of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic. The President of the United States and Hon William H. Taft will deliver the dedicatory addresses, and the Department of Ohio extends a cordial invitation to all comrades of the Grand Army and allied organizations to be present and assist them in paying honor to our late President and our comrade, William McKinley.

XV. A revised edition of the rules and regulations of our order has been prepared, and all comrades, particularly department and post officers, are urged to procure a copy, that they may be fully advised as to changes which have been made in the last three years.

XVI. Comrade Charles H. Colburn, Providence, R. I., has been appointed by the commander of the Department of Rhode Island to represent that department on the National Council of Administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade John T. Kenyon, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XVII. Comrades are again reminded of the necessity of aiding our comrades in the South with contributions for decoration of their comrades' graves, and are urged to send donations for the southern memorial fund to the quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, 877 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y., immediately on receipt of these orders.

XVIII. Upon the recommendation of Comrade Charles H. Haskins, inspector general, the following-named comrades are hereby appointed assistant inspectors general. They will report by letter to the inspector general, 552 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal., for instructions regarding the duties of their office. Appointments of comrades failing to report within 30 days will be revoked and other appointments made

State.	Comrade.	Address.
Alabama.....	George N. Jackson.....	Birmingham.
Arizona.....	Andrew Downing.....	Phoenix.
Arkansas.....	E. Landon.....	Fort Smith.
California and Nevada.....	J. L. Blair.....	Los Gatos, Cal.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	E. B. Thomas.....	Littleton, Colo.
Connecticut.....	Frederick V. Streeter.....	New Britain.
Delaware.....	Henry W. Perkins.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	A. C. Shaffer.....	Lakeland.
Georgia and South Carolina.....	J. W. Smith.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho.....	C. E. Hurd.....	Sand Point.
Illinois.....	B. F. Herrington.....	Yorkville.
Indiana.....	Wilbur E. Gorsuch.....	South Bend.
Iowa.....	C. F. Kellogg.....	Clinton.
Kansas.....		
Kentucky.....	P. B. Cloud.....	Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi.....		
Maine.....	Jasper I. Fisher.....	Bangor.
Maryland.....	Joseph Brooks.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Wm. O'Connell.....	Brookline.
Michigan.....	W. W. Crocker.....	Jackson.



State.	Comrade.	Address.
Minnesota.....	E. A. Knowlton.....	Rochester.
Missouri.....	R. D. Cramer.....	Memphis.
Montana.....	John Marchion.....	Anaconda.
Nebraska.....	J. B. Conway.....	York.
New Hampshire.....	M. L. Morrison.....	Peterboro.
New Jersey.....		
New Mexico.....	W. B. Brunton.....	East Las Vegas.
New York.....	Richard M. Barber.....	Albany.
North Dakota.....		
Ohio.....	Jason Neville.....	East Liverpool.
Oklahoma.....	J. A. Eakins.....	Enid.
Oregon.....	L. C. Shorno.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	William A. Cook.....	York.
Potomac.....	John W. Reid.....	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island.....	John A. Medbury.....	Providence.
South Dakota.....	J. E. Davis.....	Lennox.
Tennessee.....	D. Minor Steward.....	Chattanooga.
Texas.....		
Utah.....	J. L. Justice.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....		
Virginia and North Carolina.....	William Hunter.....	National Soldiers' Home.
Washington and Alaska.....	O. D. McDonald.....	Bellingham.
West Virginia.....		
Wisconsin.....	George D. Breed.....	Chilton.

XIX. The following comrades, having complied with Paragraph X, general orders No. 2, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
ALABAMA.			CONNECTICUT—cont'd.		
Carolin, Edward A.....	2	Mobile.	Price, Orrin M.....	1	Norwich.
Dodd, Henry F.....	2	Do.	Roberts, Amos, Jr.....	7	Branford.
ARKANSAS.			Schofield, Loomis.....	61	New Canaan.
			Schofield, Lewis W.....	23	Stamford.
Carrico, L. L.....	2	Fort Smith.	Steele, Elisha J.....	34	Torrington.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			Upson, Lyman A.....	56	Thompsonville.
			Waite, Henry E.....	3	Bethel.
ASHMUN, William H.....			DELAWARE.		
Beighey, H.....	198	Huntington Beach.	Grant, William K.....	2	Wilmington.
Crouch, R. M.....	55	Inglewood.	Kelley, William, Jr.....	2	Do.
Hyde, H. W.....	181	Los Angeles.	Porter, James H.....	2	Do.
Lauck, J. B.....	2	Long Beach.	Short, Richard D.....	51	Harrington.
Schoonmaker, Joseph.....	177	San Francisco.	Truitt, William A.....	7	Milford.
		National Soldiers' Home.	FLORIDA.		
Vining, Andrew J.....	2	San Francisco.	Benson, H. E.....	25	Gainesville.
Wilson, C. B.....	55	Los Angeles.	Fields, George E.....		White House.
Young, George.....	191	Santa Monica.	ILLINOIS.		
COLORADO AND WYOMING.			Boyd, Washington H.....	441	Godfrey.
			Brown, Charles O.....	28	Chicago.
Goddard, John H.....	83	Littleton, Colo.	Cooke, Henry C.....	5	Do.
CONNECTICUT.			Dickey, Luther S.....	109	Do.
Augur, Julius.....	8	Meriden.	Lamb, J. Walter.....	91	Do.
Craig, William E.....	18	Danbury.	Lane, Alvin A.....	5	Do.
James, John R.....	47	New London.	Mills, John M.....	706	Do.
Geatly, John.....	24	Greenwich.	Prescott, William.....	621	Dallas City.
Johnson, James V.....	16	Southington.	Wright, William P.....	91	Chicago.
Lankton, Henry L.....	66	Wethersfield.	INDIANA.		
Latham, W. E.....	11	New Britain.	Rose, Daniel D. V.....	106	Valparaiso.
Litchfield, James L.....	85	Stamford.	IOWA.		
Nichols, Frank S.....	43	Naugatuck.	Axline, J. T.....	19	Fairfield.
Palmer, Isaac N.....	58	La'eille.	Campbell, Henry C.....	68	Waterloo.
Pierce, H. H.....	54	Putnam.			



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IOWA—continued.			MASSACHUSETTS—contd.		
Farrington, J. L.....	141	Iowa Falls.	Pratt, George W.....	72	Stoughton.
French, Samuel D.....	132	Nashua.	Prentice, Theodore.....	56	Belmont.
Myers, Isaac W.....	81	Hampton.	Putnam, Oliver J.....	53	Leominster.
Parker, J. T.....	167	Sigourney.	Rollins, Elisha E.....	121	Boston.
Savidge, William.....	81	Hampton.	Ryan, John.....	62	West Newton.
Shepherd, Thomas A.....	22	Sioux City.	Sawyer, John W.....	5	Fevere.
Shope, Francis R.....	132	Nashua.	Scates, Henry.....	191	Boston.
Stevens, Edward.....	45	Adel.	Schrow, Henry.....	156	Everett.
Stinson, E. H.....	81	Hampton.	Sears, William S.....	143	Brookline.
Wade, T. I.....	81	Do.	Seaver, John W.....	156	Everett.
Woods, Philo R.....	24	Tama.	Sommer, Bernhard.....	191	Boston.
KANSAS.			Staples, Samuel O.....	63	Framingham.
Basemann, Henry.....	32	Fort Scott.	Tappan, Alonzo L.....	146	Haverhill.
Hunnicut, D. B.....	12	Lawrence.	Thompson, Charles O.....	75	Stoneham.
Lord, C. C.....	225	Valley Falls.	Tower, Horace S.....	83	West Hanover.
Wingrove, Charles.....	88	Clay Center.	Underwood, Nathan C.....	141	Harwich.
MAINE.			Upton, Augustine.....	5	East Saugus.
Ingalls, Harlan P.....	2	Portland.	Walton, Oliver.....	12	Wakefield.
Van Cor, Wallace N.....	25	Farmington.	Waterman, R. C.....	53	South Hanover.
Wallace, Samuel F.....	36	Saco.	Welch, John.....	92	Brighton.
MASSACHUSETTS.			Weston, Richmond L.....	94	Canton.
Adams, Elliott.....	45	Gloucester.	Wright, Benjamin F.....	36	Cambridge.
Appleton, Thomas R.....	191	Boston.	MICHIGAN.		
Arnold, William B.....	73	Abington.	Chapin, A. B.....	42	Lansing.
Atwood, John M.....	35	Chelsea.	Haskins, James H.....	252	Howard City.
Austin, Everett E.....	34	Salem.	Lazell, Uriah H.....	42	Lansing.
Bailey, Alvin R.....	11	Newton.	MINNESOTA.		
Balch, Hiram T.....	49	Newburyport.	Deline, W. F.....	92	Cannon Falls.
Benjamin, William H.....	81	Watertown.	Fox, Albert.....	30	Brainerd.
Bixby, Luther W.....	26	Boston.	Knowlton, E. A.....	44	Rochester.
Briggs, William J.....	209	Adams.	Merrick, George W.....	66	Austin.
Bright, Albert W.....	143	Brookline.	Parks, J. K.....	73	Minneapolis.
Brookings, Samuel.....	49	Newburyport.	Sawyer, Wallace B.....	52	Monticello.
Brown, William H.....	82	Marblehead.	MISSOURI.		
Chute, Rupert J.....	60	Franklin.	Serl, S. W.....	4	Kansas City.
Cook, Thomas W.....	1	New Bedford.	NEBRASKA.		
Coppins, George T.....	191	Newton.	Allison, W. S.....	28	Shelton.
Crocker, Fllery C.....	117	Medfield.	Blystone, W. J.....	25	Lincoln.
Curran, John J.....	39	Lawrence.	Forbes, J. B.....	216	Republican City.
Dailey, George E.....	14	Hopkinton.	Gifford, Will M.....	25	Lincoln.
Dame, Albert.....	127	South Hanson	Haines, Robert.....	299	Kearney.
Dearborn, Stanley B.....	12	Wakefield	Mahaffey, J. M.....	62	Bennett.
Dietz, George A.....	30	Allston.	Merryman, Freeman.....	1	Kearney.
Driver, George H. S.....	12	Wakefield.	Mullen, S. C.....	112	Lexington.
Edgell, John D.....	116	Gardner.	Roseman, W. F.....	4	Fremont.
Fraser, Joshua H.....	71	Holyoke.	Ruch, P. J.....	32	York.
Frothingham, Edw. G.....	47	Haverhill.	Ryan, George F.....	11	Grand Island.
Gaze, William L.....	87	Braintree.	Walling, A. M.....	10	David City.
Gammons, Edward A.....	208	Wareham.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
Getchell, Cyrus.....	145	Attleboro.	Baty, Isaac.....	31	Penacook.
Giles, J. Frank.....	132	South Sandwich.	Beard, M. E.....	94	Manchester.
Grace, William R.....	74	Rockland.	Bell, M. H.....	1	Portsmouth.
Gray, Joshua S.....	74	Do.	Foster, Oliver H.....	11	Milford.
Greene, G. Marshall.....	22	Milford.	Kimball, J. Hoyt.....	1	Tilton.
Greene, James H.....	2	Brookline.	McKay, Isaac N. A.....	74	Chester.
Groton, Winfield S.....	13	Brookton.	Stevens, Charles W.....	7	Nashua.
Harper, John H.....	74	Rockland.	NEW JERSEY.		
Hart, William.....	10	Worcester.	Astley, Ernest A.....	67	New Brunswick.
Hersey, Jason B.....	74	Rockland.	Barry, Michael.....	12	Orange.
Hosley, George A.....	11	Chester, N. H.	Bryson, William H.....	1	Newark.
Houghton, Charles S.....	53	Leominster.	Dally, Charles C.....	11	Harrison.
Irons, Joseph G.....	15	Everett.	Herrick, B. F.....	111	Newton.
Jordan, William H.....	45	Gloucester.	Knapp, Benjamin S.....	1	Newark.
Libbey, Eugene M.....	5	Lynn.	Sturges, Joseph G.....	1	Do.
Little, George W.....	26	Brookline.	NEW MEXICO.		
Long, Thomas J.....	7	Boston.	Williams, W. H.....	15	Aztec.
McGrath, John.....	7	Rosindale.	NEW YORK.		
Martell, Ellexia D.....	48	Ayer.	Barker, Charles S.....	327	Brooklyn.
Meehan, Edmond B.....	7	Boston.	Barnard, LeRoy L.....	267	Granville.
Miles, Fernando.....	186	Arlington.	Broas, Henry C.....	327	New York.
Mirick, George W.....	10	Worcester.	Brown, William S.....	2	Buffalo.
Montgomery, Thomas.....	30	Cambridge.	Burt, Franklin.....	327	Brooklyn.
Moore, Joseph A.....	45	Gloucester.	Canfield, James F.....	327	Do.
Morrill, Edwin F.....	156	Everett.	Chapman, J. K.....	226	Hornell.
Munroe, John.....	108	Georgetown.	Deans, Thomas D.....	16	Cleveland.
Newell, Daniel W.....	130	Medway.	DuMond, Edward B.....	20	Pleasant Valley.
Newhall, Charles.....	90	Danvers.			
Nichols, William H.....	34	Salem.			
Nickerson, Albert A.....	35	Chelsea.			
O'Brien, James J.....	48	Ayer.			
Pierce, Charles E.....	113	South Boston.			

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NEW YORK—continued.			PENNSYLVANIA—contd.		
Dunbar, Harry T. ....	59	Candor.	Penfield, James. ....	370	Ridgway.
Filsinger, William A. ....	2	Buffalo.	Phipps, Porter. ....	3	Pittsburgh.
Fisher, Conrad, Sr. ....	2	Do.	Porter, James E. ....	3	Wilksburg.
French, Crighton B. ....	327	Brooklyn.	Porter, John T. ....	155	Pittsburgh.
Griffith, William P. ....	197	Do.	Rankin, J. A. ....	541	Smithfield.
Hammond, Frank. ....	9	Buffalo.	Reed, James M. ....	276	Greensburg.
Hooton, William A. G. ....	197	Brooklyn.	Reynolds, R. R. ....	59	McKeesport.
LaFlamboy, James. ....	2	Buffalo.	Rise, Jacob L. ....	494	Lebanon.
McLeod, Andrew. ....	327	Brooklyn.	Roushey, O. L. ....	339	Dallas.
Myers, William O. ....	2	Buffalo.	Rudy, Philip. ....	84	Lancaster.
Orr, Charles A. ....	2	Do.	Runk, George D. ....	179	Clearfield.
Raymond, George T. ....	327	Brooklyn.	Seid, Adam. ....	350	Northumberland.
Ryan, Edward T. ....	2	Buffalo.	Shaaber, Mahlon. ....	16	Reading.
St. John, Cortlandt. ....	327	New York.	Shantz, William H. ....	114	Philadelphia.
Simmons, Henry B. ....	435	Brooklyn.	Shoemaker, J. I. ....	567	Wyoming.
Stewart, Edward E. ....	327	Do.	Sloan, Moses B. ....	162	Pittsburgh.
Terpenny, Frank G. ....	16	Cleveland.	Snyder, E. K. ....	180	Uniontown.
Tice, William C. ....	514	Catskill.	Spayd, H. H. ....	17	Minersville.
OHIO.			Strock, William E. ....	415	Mechanicsburg.
Brinkman, John. ....	47	Cincinnati.	Suydam, Charles A. ....	2	Philadelphia.
Coale, Garrison. ....	34	Norwalk.	Tanner, Nathan. ....	177	Lansford.
Cline, W. H. ....	29	Youngstown.	Walker, James D. ....	88	Pittsburgh.
Collier, V. F. ....	425	Richwood.	Wills, J. Hunter. ....	255	Downingtown.
Cutter, L. J. ....	178	Marietta.	Worstall, George C. ....	427	Newtown.
Ferrell, J. K. P. ....	422	Uhrichsville.	POTOMAC.		
Gillmor, J. A. ....	32	Fremont.	Andr�ws, John W. ....	8	Washington, D. C.
Lang, Nathaniel. ....	36	Warren.	Archibald, F. W. ....	5	Do.
Maddox, J. E. Q. ....	401	Cincinnati.	Moulton, Hosea B. ....	8	Do.
May, A. E. ....	364	Oberlin.	Norton, Hannibal D. ....	1	Do.
Munhall, H. W. ....	187	East Cleveland.	Saunders, Nelson T. ....	8	Do.
Negele, William. ....	31	Tiffin.	RHODE ISLAND.		
Robertson, Felix R. ....	71	Newark.	Bellows, John J. ....	1	Providence.
Shepard, William P. ....	38	Nelsonville.	Gates, Theodore N. ....	20	East Providence.
Stone, A. C. ....	58	Wilmington.	Gladding, William H. ....	10	Providence.
Tibbles, John R. ....	617	Reynoldsburg.	Gobeille, John E. ....	10	Do.
OREGON.			Reed, Edward G. ....	14	Phenix.
Britt, N. E. ....	77	Newberg.	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Folger, W. A. H. ....	11	Silverton.	Corum, A. J. ....	81	Lead.
Stokes, A. F. ....	2	Oregon City.	Dewey, J. E. ....	81	Do.
Thomas, Amzi W. ....	23	Ashland.	Fitch, H. D. ....	108	Hudson.
Yeates, James M. ....	20	Baker.	Gorton, J. B. ....	31	Hurley.
PENNSYLVANIA.			Harris, C. J. B. ....	7	Yankton.
Aldrich, Taylor B. ....	206	Pittsburgh.	Kingman, N. H. ....	150	Selby.
Beekman, Christopher. ....	31	West Chester.	Lanning, George R. W. ....	15	Egan.
Bishop, Jacob W. ....	63	Philadelphia.	Murray, D. B. ....	66	Hot Springs.
Bishop, William T. ....	116	Harrisburg.	Sedam, Robert I. ....	12	St. Lawrence.
Bollman, George W. ....	259	Pittsburgh.	Taylor, S. R. ....	42	Milbank.
Bressard, N. ....	67	Erie.	Voegeli, Gabriel. ....	69	Beresford.
Campbell, Harry C. ....	259	Sewickley.	TENNESSEE.		
Chaffee, John H. ....	68	Towanda.	Nicholas, D. D. ....		Knoxville.
Cooper, John. ....	6	Philadelphia.	TEXAS.		
Day, Wade J. ....	120	Washington.	Brown, Elisha P. ....	4	Fort Worth.
Deiminger, Charles P. ....	114	Philadelphia.	Clawson, George H. ....	2	Galveston.
Dettis, John. ....	151	Pittsburgh.	Kilmer, E. J. ....	54	Corpus Christi.
Ellis, A. I. ....	180	Uniontown.	Scholl, John J., jr. ....	9	Houston.
Enfield, Americus. ....	332	Bedford.	WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.		
Fisher, Joseph. ....	151	Pittsburgh.	Wood, John W. ....	47	Spokane.
Govens, Ephram. ....	130	West Chester.	WISCONSIN.		
Hanna, W. S. ....	289	Springdale.	Lent, Andrew N. ....	170	Superior.
Harrison, Charles J. ....	210	Somerseset.	Wallace, A. H. ....	142	Clear Lake.
Keever, Elijah F. ....	76	Wernersville.			
Johnson, George W. ....	2	Philadelphia.			
Jones, William H. ....	595	Pottstown.			
McCollough, S. W. ....	223	Chicora.			
McKee, Joseph W. ....	514	Saxonburg.			
Mackintosh, J. C. ....	67	Erie.			
Myers, Benjamin L. ....	46	Philadelphia.			
Noel, C. C. ....	38	Sharpsburg.			
Noll, Emanuel. ....	95	Bellefonte.			
Paine, H. E. ....	139	Scranton.			

By command of

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
Adjutant General.

W. J. PATTERSON,  
Commander in Chief.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Elisha H. Rhodes, past senior vice commander in chief and past commander of the department of Rhode Island, died at his home in Providence, R. I., January 14, 1917, aged 74 years. Comrade Rhodes was mustered in as private in Company D, Second Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, June 5, 1861. He served as corporal, sergeant major, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, adjutant, captain, and as lieutenant colonel commanding the regiment from February, 1865, until its muster out, July 13, 1865. He was commissioned colonel of the regiment, but could not be mustered owing to the reduced number in the command. He also received commissions as brevet major and brevet colonel for meritorious services. He served the State of Rhode Island for many years after the war as brigadier general, organizing its militia into a brigade of efficient troops.

Comrade Rhodes joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1867, was elected department commander in 1872, was reelected in 1873, and was elected senior vice commander in chief in 1877. He served as a member of the national committee on the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and at the time of his death was a member of the national Gettysburg peace monument committee.

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Comrade George W. Cook, past senior vice commander in chief, and past commander of the department of Colorado and Wyoming, died in Pueblo, Colo., December 17, 1916, aged 65 years. Comrade Cook enlisted as a drummer boy in Company D, One hundred and forty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and later served as adjutant's clerk. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea and up through the Carolinas. He moved to Colorado in 1881 and in 1905 served as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the thirty-ninth national encampment, held in Denver. He was elected department commander in 1891 and senior vice commander in chief in 1905.

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Comrade Charles C. Gray, past commander of the department of Rhode Island, died at his home in Providence, R. I., December 21, 1916, aged 75 years. Comrade Gray first enlisted as private in the First Light Battery, Rhode Island Volunteers, for three months. He reenlisted September 4, 1861, in Battery D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, where he served as corporal and sergeant, and was commissioned second lieutenant May 26, 1864, and first lieutenant June 10, 1865, and was mustered out July 17, 1865. Comrade Gray joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1867 and was elected department commander in 1880.

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Comrade Crowell H. Brooks, past commander of the department of Georgia and South Carolina, died at his home in Fitzgerald, Ga., August 6, 1916, aged 76 years. He enlisted in August, 1862, as sergeant of Company E, Forty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged September 1, 1864. Comrade Brooks was elected department commander in 1912.

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Comrade Leander Scott, past commander of the department of Georgia and South Carolina, died at his home in Fitzgerald, Ga., January 21, 1917, aged 80 years. He enlisted June 20, 1861, in Company C, Sixty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged as corporal July 12, 1864. Comrade Scott was elected department commander in 1908.

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Comrade John F. Merry, past commander of the department of Iowa, died at his home in Manchester, Iowa, January 30, 1917, aged 72 years. Comrade Merry enlisted August 22, 1862, as private in Company K, Twenty-first Iowa Infantry, and was discharged for disability May 23, 1863. On June 23, 1864, he was mustered in as second lieutenant of Company F, Forty-sixth Iowa In-

fantry, having been instrumental in raising this company, and was mustered out September 23, 1864, by reason of expiration of service. Comrade Merry was elected department commander in 1915.

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Comrade Andrew J. Tharp, past commander of the department of Kentucky, died at his home in Winston, Ky., January 8, 1917, aged 70 years. Comrade Tharp enlisted in Company F, Fourteenth Kentucky Cavalry, as a private on August 15, 1862, and was discharged March 24, 1864. He reenlisted as private in Company E, Fourth Kentucky Mounted Infantry. He was a prisoner in Andersonville and other southern prisons from July 29, 1864, to April 30, 1865, and was mustered out June 13, 1865. Comrade Tharp was elected department commander in 1897.

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Comrade Andrew G. Peterson, past commander of the department of Missouri, died at the home of his son in Normal, Ill., January 12, 1917, aged 73 years. Comrade Peterson enlisted as a private May 10, 1861, in the first regiment, Sickles' excelsior brigade, later known as the Seventieth New York Infantry, and was promoted to corporal and sergeant. He was discharged for promotion to lieutenant in the One hundred and seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of sickness contracted en route to join his regiment he was not mustered. Comrade Peterson was elected department commander in 1898.

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Comrade Thomas H. Gault, past commander of the department of Illinois, died at his home in Chicago, March 8, 1917, aged 75 years. He enlisted as private in Company B, Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at Brownsville, Tex., August 23, 1865. Comrade Gault was elected department commander in 1912.

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#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Mrs. John M. Barnes, 538 Denver Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., desires to hear from anyone who knew John M. Barnes, of Company H, One hundred and eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the late summer and early fall of 1865. The regiment was then at Macon, Ga.

Mrs. George Cypher, Poughquay, N. Y., wants to hear from members of Company F, Twelfth New York Cavalry, especially those who served from August 19, 1864, to June 23, 1865, and remember her father, Charles Martin, who rode a chestnut horse, named Jim.

Comrade John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill., has three discharges of Francis Hall, private in the Thirty-fourth and Sixteenth Infantry, United States Army, covering the years from 1865 to 1876, which he would like to restore to the soldier or his relatives. Hall was born in Oswego, N. Y., and was mustered out at Memphis, Tenn., and Holly Springs, Miss.

Justin J. Wetmore, 1270 Broadway, New York City, desires the address of any member of Company F, One hundred and twenty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, who knew John J. Wetmore, mustered in as first lieutenant, September 4, 1862, and served until January 28, 1864.

James Fisher, late of Company C, Sixty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, would like to hear from any members of his company. Address him at Soldiers' Home hospital, Danville, Ill., ward 10, bed 12.



HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL HALL,  
*Pittsburgh, Pa., July 9, 1917.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. As previously announced in General Orders No. 4, the fifty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene at Boston, Mass., August 19 to August 25, 1917.

II. Detailed program of events and entertainments may be secured from the local committee on arrival in Boston.

III. National headquarters will be temporarily established at the Hotel Vendome, Friday, August 17, 1917.

IV. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Tuesday morning, August 21, at 10 o'clock. The formation of the parade and route will be announced in later general orders.

V. In accordance with previous action of the executive committee, approved by the national encampment, only veterans of the Civil War who are associated with posts of the Grand Army of the Republic will be allowed to participate in the parade, and the necessary bands and the Sons of Veterans who, by action of the forty-fifth national encampment, are the official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

VI. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and no caricatures, such as representations of "Uncle Sam," etc., will be allowed in the parade. Department commanders are directed to see that these orders are obeyed by their respective departments.

VII. No flags or standards, except the National, State, department, and post flags and guidons will be allowed in the parade.

VIII. The semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies will be held in Symphony Hall, Monday evening, August 20, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a welcome will be extended by the governor of Massachusetts, the mayor of Boston, and the commander of the department of Massachusetts, with a response by Commander in Chief Patterson. Greetings will be extended by the national president of the Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, the national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., the national president of the Daughters of Veterans, the commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, and the national president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, to which greetings responses will be made by past commanders in chief.

IX. The greetings extended at the semiofficial meeting on Monday evening are the only greetings which will be received by the national encampment, as no greetings committees or delegations will be admitted to the national encampment for any purpose whatever.

X. Tuesday evening, August 21, a camp fire will be held in Symphony Hall.

XI. The first business session of the national encampment will convene in Symphony Hall, Wednesday morning, August 22, at 10 o'clock.

XII. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, Sunday afternoon, August 19, at 2.30 o'clock.

XIII. The national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, Monday, August 20, at 1.30 o'clock.

XIV. Department commanders are requested to notify the adjutant general immediately on receipt of these orders of the probable time of arrival of their respective departments in Boston and location of department headquarters.

XV. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 7 p. m. Tuesday, August 21, the name of their representative on the committee on resolutions and their nomination for the national council of administration.

XVI. Reunions will be held at such time as the various regimental associations may arrange with the Boston committee.



XVII. Comrade John Little, Post No. 157, Pittsburgh, Pa., is hereby detailed as headquarters color bearer and Comrade Henry I. Yohn, Post No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby detailed as national color bearer for the parade.

XVIII. Comrade James F. Flynn, Post No. 26, Roxbury, Mass., is hereby detailed as officer of the day and Comrade George W. Little, Post No. 26, Roxbury, Mass., is hereby detailed as officer of the guard for the national encampment.

XIX. The Commissioner of Pensions, with a corps of assistants from the Pension Bureau, will be located in national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, during the week of the encampment, where they will be glad to answer any questions and give all desired information in regard to pensions.

XX. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies will be located during the national encampment as follows:

Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Vendome.  
Army Nurses of the Civil War, Hotel Westminster.

Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Vendome.

Ladies of the G. A. R., Hotel Victoria.

Daughters of Veterans, Hotel Brunswick.

Sons of Veterans, Hotel Bellevue.

Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Hotel Bellevue.

XXI. Comrades desiring accommodations at the national encampment may secure reservations by writing to Comrade John E. Gilman, chairman of committee on accommodations, City Hall, Boston, Mass., stating character of accommodations wanted.

XXII. Comrades planning to attend the national encampment are advised to consult their local ticket agents for railroad rates. The Eastern, Central, and New England Passenger Association will sell encampment tickets at a slightly reduced rate from the regular rate. As Boston is a summer excursion point, comrades will find it to their advantage in many cases to buy the summer excursion ticket, which is good for 30 days.

XXIII. The following committee on credentials is hereby announced:

H. H. Bengough, adjutant general, chairman.

S. P. Town, department of Pennsylvania.

William S. Matthews, department of Ohio.

Frank Battles, department of New Hampshire.

A. M. Trimble, department of Nebraska.

W. W. Denison, department of Kansas.

C. A. Williams, department of Oregon.

This committee will meet in national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, Monday morning, August 20, at 10 o'clock, and Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

XXIV. Comrades George A. Price, Philip G. Woodward, and Andrew J. Wilt are hereby appointed a committee to audit the books of the quartermaster general. They will report to the national council of administration at its meeting Monday afternoon, August 20, at 1.30 o'clock.

XXV. Department commanders or their representatives will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, Monday, August 19, at 5 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XXVI. The chief of staff will be at national headquarters, Hotel Vendome, Monday, August 19, from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m., to meet the aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief.

XXVII. The following amendments to the rules and regulations have been proposed:

By the Department of Florida:

That the rules and regulations be amended to provide that there may be created a rank or class to be known as detached members. A detached member shall be one qualified for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, being in good standing in any post, whose place of residence is too distant from a post to permit him to attend its meetings. He may, upon his request, be enrolled on the post roll as detached. He shall be exempt from payment of regular dues, except that he shall pay the amount of per capita tax required from his post, which shall in every case be paid in advance in full for six months. Detached members shall be entitled to wear the Grand Army badge and the Grand Army button while in good standing and clear on the books, and shall be in all respects subject to discipline under the rules and regulations as are other members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By the Department of Delaware:

Amend Chapter II, Article V, section 3, by striking out the word "eight" in the first line and insert the word "five." Strike out the word "five" in the fourth line and insert the word "three." Strike out all the words after the word "quorum" in the fifth line and all the words in the sixth line.

Amend Chapter III, Article I, section 2, by adding to the end of the section the words "as long as there are three posts in the department in good standing, with not less than 10 members each."

By the Department of New Jersey:

Amend Chapter III, Article II, paragraph 2, to read as follows: "All the post commanders and senior and junior vice post commanders for the time being throughout its jurisdiction." Strike out all of the remainder of the paragraph.

By the Department of South Dakota:

To amend the rules and regulations so as to combine the offices of department inspector and assistant inspector general.

XXVIII. The dedication of the McKinley Memorial at Niles, Ohio, which was to have taken place June 3, has been announced to take place October 5, 1917.

XXIX. The following comrades having complied with paragraph X, General Orders, No. 2, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
ARKANSAS.			KANSAS.		
Avery, John H.....	5	Hot Springs.	Rathbone, H. T.....	100	Manhattan.
Brown, W. B.....	1	Bauxite.	KENTUCKY.		
Cryant, Jerrus M.....	1	Little Rock.	Ashcraft, James H.....	59	Paducah.
Cooper, A. L.....	109	Mammoth Springs	MAINE.		
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			Jackins, Kendall S....	159	Houlton.
Baker, S. F.....	52	Santa Barbara.	MASSACHUSETTS.		
Kelly, Edward.....	171	Veterans' Home.	Monk, Henry A.....	87	Braintree.
Noack, Alfred.....	50	Oakland.	Preble, Edward.....	23	East Boston.
Thomas, William R....	50	Do.	Sanborn, Eugene D....	15	West Roxbury.
Young, J. H.....	93	Pasadena.	MICHIGAN.		
CONNECTICUT.			Cooke, George A. B....	72	Three Rivers.
Shaffer, W. H.....	50	Hartford.	Ives, L. H.....	441	Mason.
Sharpe, David W.....	17	New Haven.	Kanitz, Louis.....	7	Muskegon.
FLORIDA.			Keating, George.....	67	Bay City.
Hawkins, William.....	18	Federal Point.	Le Barron, Robert....	147	Pontiac.
Nelson, C. H.....	37	Taft.	Spaulding, Henry.....	20	Lansing.
GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.			MISSOURI.		
Mattison, Alexander...	1	Atlanta.	Calland, William C....	69	Springfield.
ILLINOIS.			Harnois, John.....	7	St. Joseph.
Hiser, George W.....	240	Lexington.	NEW JERSEY.		
Lewis, E. R.....	540	Evanston.	Smith, William C.....	73	Plainfield.
INDIANA.			Tench, Arthur W.....	4	Newark.
Coats, Seth D.....	60	Winchester.	NEW YORK.		
Corlett, Jos. E.....	40	Fort Wayne.	Bates, Byron W.....	103	San Juan, P. R.
Kelker, Samuel S.....	271	Do.	Emmons, James H.....	255	New York City.
Layman, James T.....	17	Indianapolis.	Hunt, George W.....	250	Ithaca.
IOWA.			Isaacs, Isadore.....	557	New York City
Saunders, W. C.....	153	Wapello.	Lyth, Alfred W.....	9	Buffalo.
			Snyder, James M.....	18	Troy.
			Tait, George F.....	327	Brooklyn.

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
OHIO.			POTOMAC.		
Burgoon, I. H. ....	32	Fremont.	Gridley, Lucius E. ....	8	Washington, D. C.
Riley, John W. ....	369	Troy.	Wilt, Jeremiah. ....	3	Do.
Seibert, M. W. ....	32	Fremont.			
OREGON.			UTAH.		
Hutchinson, S. P. ....	28	Pendleton.	Charter, H. W. ....	1	Sandy.
Lee, H. B. ....	60	Milton.			
PENNSYLVANIA.			VERMONT.		
Fairman, Charles M. ....	3	Pittsburgh.	Baker, Edward. ....	13	Montpelier.
Kline, H. O. ....	62	Altoona.	Dunton, Charles H. ....	49	Poultney.
Stanton, Campbell. ....	162	Bellevue.	Hanrahan, John D. ....	14	Rutland.
			McKenzie, Sanford P. ....	60	St. Albans.
			Martin, George P. ....	2	Bennington.
			Tracy, James H. ....	89	Middlebury.

By command of—

H. H. BENGOUGH, *Adjutant General.*

W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade William Christie Johnson, past commander in chief, died suddenly at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 27, 1917, aged 74 years. Comrade Johnson enlisted as private in Company F, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 19, 1862, and was promoted May 10, 1865, to second lieutenant of Company A, Forty-second United States Colored Infantry, and was mustered out of service January 31, 1866. He was elected senior vice commander in chief in 1898 and was elected commander in chief to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commander in Chief Sexton.

Comrade Ben A. Hamilton, past commander of the department of Tennessee, died at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., August 15, 1916. He enlisted as private in Company G, Seventy-first Ohio Infantry, October 13, 1861, and was discharged February 24, 1865. Comrade Hamilton was elected department commander in 1904.

Comrade M. M. Harris, past commander of the department of Tennessee, died at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., December 17, 1916, aged 75 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, July 11, 1863, and was discharged September 11, 1865. Comrade Harris was elected department commander in 1901.

Comrade J. L. Smith, past commander of the department of North Dakota, died in the Soldiers' Home in Lisbon, N. Dak., December 20, 1916. He enlisted as private in Company B, Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, June 10, 1861, and was discharged June 13, 1864. Comrade Smith was elected department commander in 1915.

Comrade N. P. Kingsley, past commander of the department of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Franklin, Pa., January 22, 1917, aged 73 years. He enlisted as private in Company H, One hundred and forty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, in August, 1862, and was taken prisoner August 16, 1864, and confined in Andersonville Prison until the close of the war. Comrade Kingsley was elected department commander in 1911.

Comrade James F. Connelly, past commander of the department of New Jersey, died at the Soldiers' Home, Kearney, N. J., February 2, 1917. He enlisted as private in Company I, Thirty-fifth New Jersey Infantry, September 3, 1863, and was discharged May 16, 1865, at the United States post hospital in Nashville, Tenn. At the time of his death Comrade Connelly was superintendent of the Soldiers' Home in Kearney. He was elected department commander in 1909.

Comrade John Wesley Bodine, past commander of the department of New Jersey, died at his home in Camden, N. J., February 5, 1917, aged 74 years. He enlisted as first sergeant, in Company H, Third New Jersey Infantry, May 27,

1861, and was discharged June 23, 1864. Comrade Bodine was elected department commander in 1913.

Comrade John P. Harris, past commander of the department of Kansas, died at his home in Ottawa, Kans., February 21, 1917, aged 77 years. He enlisted as sergeant in the First Kansas Battery November 30, 1861, and was discharged in December, 1864. Comrade Harris was elected department commander in 1895.

Comrade William Albert Morgan, past commander of the department of Kansas, died at his home in Cottonwood Falls, Kans., aged 76 years. He enlisted as private in Company D, Twenty-third Kentucky Infantry, and was mustered out as first lieutenant after a service of over three years. Comrade Morgan was elected department commander in 1908.

Comrade John T. Apperson, past commander of the department of Oregon, died at his home at Parkplace, Oreg., April 3, 1917, age 82 years. He enlisted as private in Company E, First Oregon Cavalry in 1862 and was discharged as first lieutenant in 1866. Comrade Apperson was elected department commander in 1908.

Comrade William Gardner Waters, past commander of the department of California and Nevada, died at his home in Santa Barbara, Cal., April 26, 1917. He enlisted as private in the Fifteenth Massachusetts Infantry in July, 1861, and was discharged as first lieutenant in March, 1863, on account of sickness. Comrade Waters was elected department commander in 1907.

Comrade Daniel W. Comstock, past commander of the department of Indiana, died in Washington, D. C., May 19, 1917. He was a member of the Ninth Indiana Cavalry and was captain of Company C of that regiment when he was discharged in September, 1865. At the time of his death Comrade Comstock was serving in Congress as Representative from the sixth Indiana district. He was elected department commander in 1913.

Comrade H. S. Fargo, past commander of the department of Oregon, died at his home in Portland, Oreg., June 3, 1917. Comrade Fargo served during the Civil War in Company G, Third Michigan Infantry. He was elected department commander in 1914.

Comrade Rudolph Alff, past commander of the department of Utah, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 22, 1917. He enlisted as private in Company H, Fourth New York Cavalry, June 30, 1864, and was discharged July 17, 1865. Comrade Alff was elected department commander in 1901.

Comrade J. W. Greenman, past commander of the department of Utah, died at the Oregon State Soldiers' Home, April 1, 1917. Comrade Greenman enlisted as private in Company F, Eighth Wisconsin Infantry, and was discharged as first lieutenant of Company A. He was elected department commander in 1893.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Comrade H. B. Jeffries, Zephyrhills, Fla., wishes to hear from any comrade who remembers a boy named Walter Schenck, who served in the company of Capt. Parnell or Purnall, in the Third or Fifth Ohio Cavalry, who was discharged from the Army because he was a minor by a civil court at Cincinnati, Ohio, on application of his father, Dr. C. F. Schenck.

Margaret N. Manning, care of R. P. Spettel, 119 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minn., desires to know the company and regiment of which the late Capt. John L. Manning, of New Brunswick, N. J., was a member. He died at New Brunswick, N. J., March 17, 1909.

Hulda Winans McCormick, Chicago, Ill., desires to hear from anyone who knew a soldier named Winans who served in the Army from 1861 to 1865. The two daughters, Hulda and Synthia, were placed in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Auburn, N. Y., the mother having died while the father was in the Army.



HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL HALL,  
*Pittsburgh, Pa., August 6, 1917.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6.

I. As previously announced in General Orders No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the fifty-first national encampment will take place at Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, August 21, 1917.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under command of the department commander or the senior officer of the department present. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distances between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; between files, 4 feet, which distances will be maintained throughout the march.

III. The column will form promptly at 9.15 a. m. and will move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported by Comrade J. Payson Bradley, chief marshal, to Comrade William M. Hahn, chief of staff to the commander in chief at 9.45 a. m.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. The signal to march will be three guns fired at 10 a. m.

VI. Department commanders will carefully superintend the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on their right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed designating the place of formation for each department. The guide will be right throughout the march, except when passing the reviewing stand of the governor at the statehouse and the reviewing stand of the mayor at the city hall, when guide will be left.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. When the reviewing stand has been passed, they must not attempt to review their commands. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stands, colors will be dipped at six paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching their right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in the ranks will not salute, but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands and drum corps will cease playing on Beacon Street at Walnut Street, to be designated by a marker and must resume playing 100 feet from the reviewing stand at the statehouse, this point also to be designated by a marker, and will continue playing until they reach Washington Street. All bands will cease playing on Washington Street at Temple Place, to be designated by a marker, and will resume playing at a point on Temple Place to be designated by a marker, and will continue playing until they reach Boylston Street.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. The bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing. All bands must play in passing the reviewing stands.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on Tremont Street; his excellency the governor of Massachusetts will review the parade at the statehouse; and his honor the mayor of Boston will review the parade at the city hall.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Boston will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.



XIII. No flags or standards except the national and State flags, and department and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed.

XIV. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the Grand Army column, in advance of the national aides-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between departments. Automobiles will be furnished by the Boston Encampment Committee for those comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be placed in the parade at the left of the Department of Massachusetts. These automobiles will be found on the south roadway of Commonwealth Avenue, right resting on Fairfield Street, and comrades unable to march will report to Comrade George A. Hosley, Hotel Vendome, at 9 o'clock for assignment to cars.

XVII. When the column reaches Tremont Street, the commander in chief will leave the column and take his position on the reviewing stand. The other national officers and past commanders in chief will continue in the parade to Park Square, the point of dismissal, and will then return and take their places on the reviewing stand.

XVIII. Aides de camp to the commander in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Hotel Vendome at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report at the Hotel Vendome at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length, over asphalt streets, as follows:

Starting on Arlington Street at Commonwealth Avenue, north on Arlington Street to Beacon Street, east on Beacon Street to School Street, east on School Street to Washington Street, south on Washington Street to Temple Place, west on Temple Place to Tremont Street, south on Tremont Street to Bolyston Street, west on Bolyston Street to point of dismissal at Park Square.

XXI. The line will form as follows:

Platoon of mounted police will form on Dartmouth Street, facing north, right resting on Commonwealth Avenue.

Chief Marshal and mounted aides will form on Dartmouth Street, facing south, right resting on Commonwealth Avenue.

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., William T. Church, commander in chief, escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, will form on Commonwealth Avenue north roadway, facing east, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending westerly toward Exeter Street.

U. S. Grant Post No. 327 of Brooklyn, N. Y., personal escort to the commander in chief, will form on Commonwealth Avenue south roadway, facing east, right resting on Dartmouth Street.

Commander in chief, national officers, executive committee and past commanders in chief will form on Commonwealth Avenue, right resting on left of Grant Post.

National aids-de-camp will form on Commonwealth Avenue south roadway, facing east, right resting on Exeter Street.

The departments will form in order of seniority as follows:

1. The department of Illinois, C. S. Bentley, commander, will form on the south side of the south roadway of Commonwealth Avenue, facing east, right resting on Arlington Street, left extending westward toward Berkeley Street.

2. The department of Wisconsin, William A. Wyse, commander, will form on the south side of the south roadway of Commonwealth Avenue between Arlington and Berkeley Streets, facing east, right resting on left of department of Illinois, left extending westward to Berkeley Street.

3. The department of Pennsylvania, Noah Dietrich, commander, will form on the south side of the south roadway of Commonwealth Avenue, facing east, right resting on Berkeley Street, left extending westward to Clarendon Street.

4. The department of Ohio, William A. Pittenger, commander, will form on the south side of the south roadway of Commonwealth Avenue, facing east, right resting on Clarendon Street, left extending westward to Dartmouth Street.

5. The department of New York, William F. Kirchner, commander, will form on the north side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending easterly to Clarendon Street.
6. The department of Connecticut, Benjamin H. Cheney, commander, will form on the north side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Clarendon Street, left extending easterly to Berkeley Street.
8. The department of New Jersey, Walter S. Tully, commander, will form on the north side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Berkeley Street, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.
9. The department of Maine, John Q. Adams, commander, will form on the north side of Newbury Street, between Berkeley and Arlington Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of New Jersey, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.
10. The department of California and Nevada, Charles H. Haskins, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending easterly toward Clarendon Street.
11. The department of Rhode Island, A. A. Maun, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Dartmouth and Clarendon Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of California and Nevada, left extending easterly toward Clarendon Street.
12. The department of New Hampshire, Charles W. Hobbs, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Dartmouth and Clarendon Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Rhode Island, left extending easterly to Clarendon Street.
13. The department of Vermont, C. T. S. Pierce, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Clarendon Street, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.
14. The department of Potomac, A. H. Frear, commander, will form on south side of Newbury Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Vermont, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.
15. The department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Potomac, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.
16. The department of Maryland, E. Walter Giles, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Virginia and North Carolina.
17. The department of Nebraska, W. E. Majors, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street, facing west, right resting on Berkeley Street, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.
18. The department of Michigan, William O. Lee, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Berkeley and Arlington Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Nebraska, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.
19. The department of Iowa, J. L. Farrington, commander, will form on the south side of Newbury Street between Berkeley and Arlington Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Michigan, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.
20. The department of Indiana, Samuel M. Hench, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street, facing west, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending easterly to Clarendon Street.
21. The department of Colorado and Wyoming, William H. Comstock, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street, facing west, right resting on Clarendon Street, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.
22. The department of Kansas, A. C. Pierce, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Colorado and Wyoming, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.
23. The department of Delaware, J. T. Alexander, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Kansas.
24. The department of Minnesota, Silas H. Towler, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street, facing west, right resting on Berkeley Street, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.

25. The department of Missouri, Thomas W. Evans, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street between Berkeley and Arlington Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Minnesota, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.

26. The department of Oregon, J. G. Chambers, commander, will form on the south side of Marlboro Street between Berkeley and Arlington Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Missouri, left extending easterly toward Arlington Street.

27. The department of Kentucky, J. R. Howard, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street between Dartmouth and Clarendon Streets, facing west, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending toward Clarendon Street.

28. The department of West Virginia, S. R. Hanen, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Kentucky.

29. The department of South Dakota, J. C. Luce, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of West Virginia.

30. The department of Washington and Alaska, John J. See, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of South Dakota.

31. The department of Arkansas, O. J. Kyler, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Washington and Alaska.

32. The department of New Mexico, Jefferson Raynolds, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Arkansas.

33. The department of Utah, N. D. Corser, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of New Mexico.

34. The department of Tennessee, O. C. Kinley, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Utah.

35. The department of Louisiana and Mississippi, E. T. Gipson, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street between Dartmouth and Clarendon Streets, right resting on left of department of Tennessee, left extending easterly toward Clarendon Street.

36. The department of Florida, John A. Wallace, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, right resting on Clarendon Street, left extending easterly toward Berkeley Street.

37. The department of Montana, Simon Hauswirth, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, facing west, right resting on left of department of Florida.

38. The department of Texas, M. B. Young, commander, will form on north side of Marlboro Street, facing west, between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets, right resting on left of department of Montana.

39. The department of Idaho, George F. Kimery, commander, will form on north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Texas.

40. The department of Arizona, Henry H. Farrington, commander, will form on north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Idaho.

41. The department of Georgia and South Carolina, George E. Whitman, commander, will form on north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Arizona.

42. The department of Alabama, E. F. Quinn, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. The department of North Dakota, Christian Schmitt, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of Alabama.

44. The department of Oklahoma, J. C. White, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street, right resting on left of department of North Dakota.

The Union Ex-Prisoners of War Association, Harry White, commander, will form on the north side of Marlboro Street between Dartmouth and Exeter Streets, facing east, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending westerly toward Exeter Street.

The National Association of Naval Veterans, William H. Comstock, commodore commanding, will form on the south side of Beacon Street between Dartmouth and Clarendon Streets, facing west, right resting on Dartmouth Street, left extending easterly toward Clarendon Street.

The department of Massachusetts, Daniel Denny, commander, in two subdivisions, will form on Commonwealth Avenue, facing east, the right of each division resting on Arlington Street and the left extending westerly toward Dartmouth Street. The first division will form on the gravel walk in the center of the green between the north and south roadways and the second division will form on the north roadway.

Carriages for disabled comrades.

The column will move in the following order:

Platoon of mounted police.

Chief marshal. Comrade J. Payson Bradley, chairman of the parade committee.

Mounted aids.

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., William T. Church, commander in chief.

Band.

U. S. Grant Post No. 327, Brooklyn, N. Y., personal escort to the commander in chief, Comrade Charles T. Schondelmeier, commander.

National color bearer, Henry I. Yohn, Philadelphia, Pa.

Headquarters color bearer, John Little, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson.

National officers in automobiles:

H. H. Bengough, adjutant general.

Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.

William H. Wormstead, senior vice commander in chief.

E. K. Russ, junior vice commander in chief.

William M. Hanna, surgeon general.

O. S. Reed, chaplain in chief.

Ralzemond A. Parker, judge advocate general.

Charles H. Haskins, inspector general.

Uriah Seely, national patriotic instructor.

E. B. Stillings, assistant adjutant general.

J. Henry Holcomb, assistant quartermaster general.

Executive committee. Grand Army of the Republic: George A. Price.

Philip G. Woodward, J. W. Willett, Orlando A. Somers, Alvin M. Woolson.

John B. Inman, Harry L. Beach.

Past commanders in chief: A. G. Weissert, Leo Rassieur, Eli Torrance, Thomas J. Stewart, John R. King, James Tanner, Charles G. Burton, Samuel R. Van Sant, John E. Gilman, Harvey M. Trimble, Alfred B. Beers, Washington Gardner, David J. Palmer, Elias R. Monfort.

National Association of Civil War Musicians.

William M. Hahn, chief of staff (mounted).

National aides-de-camp (mounted).

B. J. Coll, senior aide-de-camp.

National aides-de-camp (unmounted).

Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic in order of seniority, as announced in these orders, paragraph XXI.

Union Ex-Prisoners of War Association, Harry White, commander.

National Association of Naval Veterans, William H. Comstock, commodore commanding.

Department of Massachusetts.

Disabled veterans in automobiles.

XXIV. The first meeting of the committee on credentials will take place Monday, August 20, at 3.30 p. m., instead of 10 a. m. and the committee will meet again on Tuesday afternoon, August 21, at 3 o'clock.

XXV. Comrade M. H. Wager, member of the national council of administration from the department of California and Nevada, having resigned, Comrade William H. Noll, Los Angeles, has been appointed by the commander of the department of California and Nevada to fill the vacancy, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XXVI. The annual meeting of the National Association of Surviving Union Volunteer Officers of the Civil War, retired list legislation, will be held in the large hearing room in the east wing of the statehouse, Boston, Mass., Tuesday, August 21, at 4 p. m. All interested are requested to be present.



XXVII. The following comrades having complied with paragraph X, General Orders No. 2, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
Justus, Marcellus M...	33	Bluffton, Ind.	Herbert, James E....	8	Jamestown, N. Dak.
Martin, C. H. W.....	103	Williamsburg, Ky.	Schmitt, Nicholas....	8	Do.
Brandt, John H.....	3	Baltimore, Md.	Worden, Charles H....	6	Washington, D. C.
Moffett, William H....	46	Do.	Cook, T. G.....	143	Sturgis, S. Dak.
Carl, Harman.....	233	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Miller, Charles H....	34	Chamberlain, S. Dak.

By command of—

W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Commander in Chief.*

H. H. BENGOUGH,  
*Adjutant General.*

### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Alfred S. Roe, past commander of the department of Massachusetts, died at his home in Worcester, Mass., January 6, 1917. Comrade Roe served in the Ninth New York Artillery. He was elected department commander in 1908.

Comrade John L. Parker, past commander of the department of Massachusetts, died at his home in Lynn, Mass., February 27, aged 79 years. Comrade Parker enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Twenty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded and taken prisoner to Libby prison. After his release he rejoined the Army in 1863, and in 1864 was made first lieutenant of Company B, Eleventh Massachusetts Infantry. He was elected department commander in 1909. Comrade Parker was known to many comrades because of his poem, "The little bronze button."

Comrade Selden Connor, past junior vice commander in chief, died at his home in Augusta, Me., July 9, 1917, aged 78 years. He enlisted in 1861 as private in the First Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and that same year was commissioned lieutenant colonel in the Seventh Maine Volunteers. In 1864 he was made colonel of the Nineteenth Maine Volunteers. He was severely wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness and the following month was retired as brigadier general. Comrade Connor was elected Governor of Maine in 1876, serving for three terms. He was elected department commander in 1874, re-elected in 1875, and was elected senior vice commander in chief in 1885.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

P. P. Carroll, 1162 Sixteenth Avenue, north, Seattle, Wash., desires the address of Lieut. Joseph Lordley, who was a member of the staff of Gen. Butler at the time of Lee's surrender. Any information concerning Lordley or his wife will be appreciated by Mr. Carroll.

Mrs. Anna L. Peck, widow of Merit Butler Peck, 3044 South Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., wishes to hear from comrades who served with her husband in the Navy on the steamer *Clara Dalton*, and also served on another boat, name unknown.

Alex. B. Campbell, Albion, Wis., desires information as to what tribes of Indians the Sixth United States Infantry was at war with between December 9, 1870, and September 10, 1875. Samuel Pringle, served in Company C of this regiment, and his widow wishes the above information to complete her claim for pension.







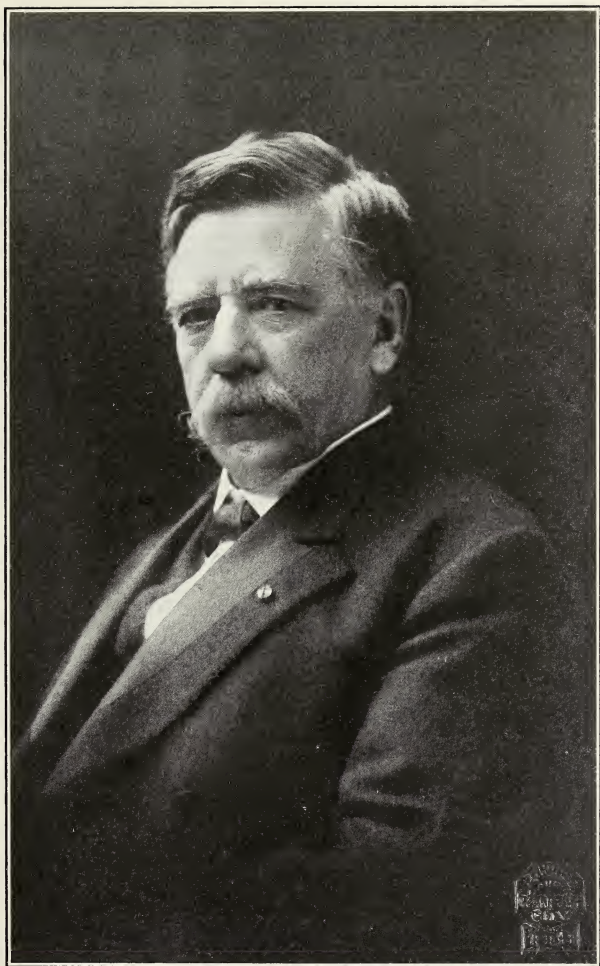


# In Memoriam









WILLIAM WARNER,  
Commander in Chief, 1888-1889.  
Mustered out October 4, 1916.





# In Memoriam



## COMRADE WILLIAM WARNER.

Commander in Chief, 1888 ; Department Commander of Missouri, 1882  
and 1883.

Mustered out at Kansas City, Mo., October 4, 1916.



William Warner was born in Lafayette County, Wis., June 11, 1839, and died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., October 4, 1916. The conditions of his early years were such as to develop the spirit of self-reliance and that strong, simple, rugged manhood, the beauty of which he manifested through all his life.

When the war call came Comrade Warner assisted in forming the Thirty-third Wisconsin Regiment and was mustered in as lieutenant and adjutant September 11, 1862, and on the 14th of March, 1863, he was promoted to captain of Company D of that regiment. From October, 1863, to September, 1864, he served as acting assistant adjutant general, Fourth Division, Seventeenth Army Corps. He was promoted to major of the Forty-fourth Wisconsin Regiment September 13, 1864, and served as acting assistant inspector general from April 6, 1865, until he was mustered out, August 28, 1865.

Soon after the termination of his Army service he came to and made his permanent home in Kansas City, Mo., and entered at once into the practice of his chosen profession, the law. He also, from the first, took an active part in public affairs, national and local, which resulted in his election as mayor in 1871. As a politician he was positive in his opinions and could always give a reason for the same. As a political worker and campaigner he had no superior; he could take a hard blow with a smile, but invariably returned it with compound interest.

His profound knowledge of the law and his sense of justice in its application gave him a high place in the hearts of his associates. He served twice as United States attorney of the Western District of Missouri and represented his district for two terms in Congress. Six years, from March 4, 1905, to March 4, 1911, he represented Missouri in the United States Senate. On the last day of his term in that body his name was sent to the Senate by President Taft as a member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications. His name was at once confirmed in open session of the Senate, an action not taken by the Senate since Grant's nomination as general was confirmed in like manner.





## In Memoriam



Comrade Warner became a member of the G. A. R. at an early day, assisting in the organization of the Department of Missouri and was elected as the first department commander in 1882. At the National Encampment at Denver in 1883 he was elected senior vice commander in chief, and at the encampment at Columbus, Ohio, 1888, he was elected commander in chief. In each and all of these positions and offices he gave of his best, and his splendid talent as an organizer and leader crowned every effort with success.

His last work in the cause of the Grand Army was in connection with the Fiftieth National Encampment held in Kansas City in 1916. The assistance he rendered to the citizens committee and his great fund of information went far to forward the cause and make the event the success that it was.

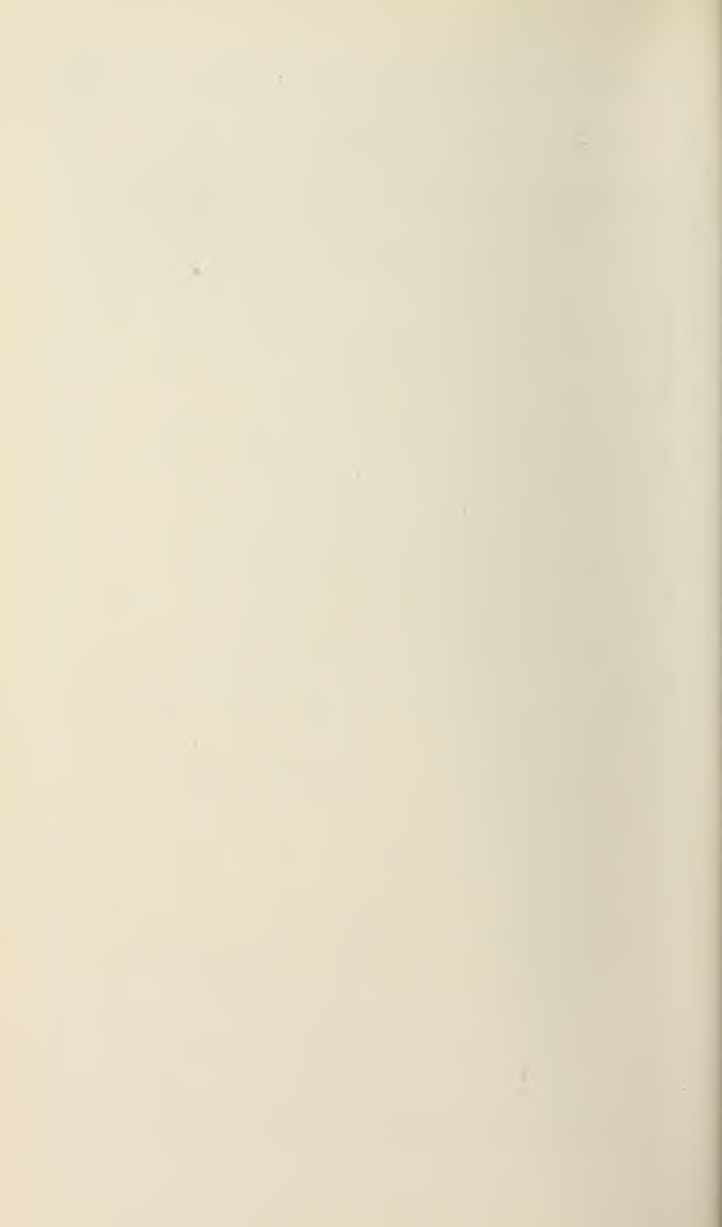
In an article as brief as one like this must be it is impossible to speak in other than limited terms of the many excellencies of our departed comrade. He was faithful to every trust, true to every friend, and generous and kindly to every opponent.

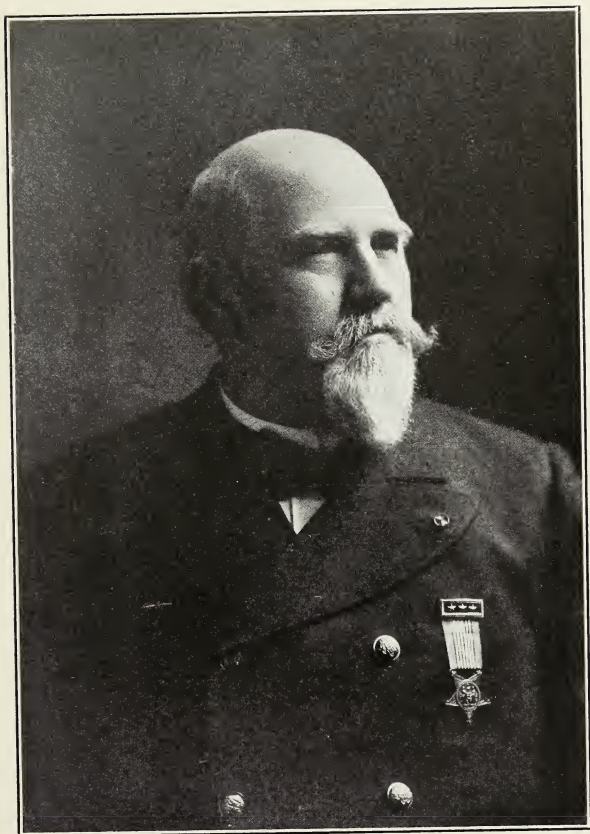
Whether as a citizen, a soldier, the mayor of the city, the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, or as a Representative and Senator in the councils of the Nation, he proved his self-sacrificing spirit and won the confidence and esteem of all, and your committee feels that we voice the sentiments of our comrades at large in every expression of love and respect to our departed comrade.

LEO RASSIEUR,	} Committee.
WM. H. WORMSTEAD,	
THOS. W. EVANS,	









WILLIAM CHRISTIE JOHNSON,  
Commander in Chief, 1899.  
Mustered out April 27, 1917.





# In Memoriam



## COMRADE WILLIAM CHRISTIE JOHNSON.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1898; Commander in Chief to fill vacancy, 1899.

Born March 19, 1842, in Clermont County, Ohio.  
Mustered out April 27, 1917, at Cincinnati, Ohio.



Comrade Johnson enlisted as a private in Company F, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 19, 1862, and was promoted May 10, 1865, to second lieutenant of Company A, Forty-second United States Colored Infantry, and was mustered out of service January 31, 1866.

His record of service was long and faithful. His regiment was sent to Kentucky in September, 1862, to resist the threatened Kirby Smith invasions; from there to the Kanawha Valley, W. Va., to Gauley Bridge and Fayetteville; thence to Nashville, Tenn., during the winter of 1862-3; thence to Carthage, Tenn., during the spring of 1863. He served under Gen. Crook until ordered to convalescent camp at Gallatin, Tenn., where he was detailed as acting hospital steward of the United States Colored Infantry until September, 1864. He then rejoined his regiment at Atlanta, participated in the campaign against Hood, Sherman's march to the sea, and through the Carolinas to Goldsboro, N. C. There he was appointed lieutenant and assigned to the Forty-second United States Colored Regiment, with which he served until mustered out January 31, 1866.

Comrade Johnson was a member of Jones Post No. 401, Department of Ohio, and was elected commander two terms. He was elected senior vice commander in chief in September, 1898, and was elected commander in chief in September, 1899, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commander in Chief James A. Sexton.

In civil life Comrade Johnson was an American of the best class. In the home he was a loyal and affectionate husband and father; in business, honest, industrious, and aggressive. In his public service as a member and president of the Cincinnati Board of Public Service, as assistant postmaster of Cincinnati, and in all other positions of trust he was prompt, economical, and faithful. His social bearing was gentle, considerate, sympathetic, and ready to extend a helping hand, but when put to the test he developed heroic courage. While our eyes were moistened with tears as we laid him to rest, his wide circle of friends cherish the memory of his work and companionship while among them. "Taps have sounded." The sun has set. "The soldier sleeps."

ELIAS R. MONFORT,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN M. ADAMS,	
WILLIAM M. HAHN,	







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

## COMRADE JOSEPH GREENWOOD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 19, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

## COMRADE N. R. RICHARDSON

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 4, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

## COMRADE CHARLES E. WILSON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1895

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 19, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

## COMRADE WILLIAM GARDNER WATERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1907

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 26, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

## COMRADE GEORGE W. COOK

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1905

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1891

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 17, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING  
**COMRADE JOHN W. DONNELLAN**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1880 AND 1881

MUSTERED OUT JULY 27, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
**COMRADE OSCAR W. CORNISH**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1896

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 25, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
**COMRADE WILLIAM HAMILTON MELRATH**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1916

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 16, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA  
**COMRADE CROWELL H. BROOKS**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1912

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 6, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA  
**COMRADE LEANDER SCOTT**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 21, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

## COMRADE THOMAS H. GAULT

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1912

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 8, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

## COMRADE JOHN F. MERRY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1915

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 30, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

## COMRADE DANIEL W. COMSTOCK

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT MAY 19, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

## COMRADE JOHN P. HARRIS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1895

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 21, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

## COMRADE WILLIAM ALBERT MORGAN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 24, 1917







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

## COMRADE WILLIAM J. L. HUGHES

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 31, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

## COMRADE ANDREW J. THARP

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1897

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

## COMRADE F. C. ANTOINE

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 12, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

## COMRADE SELDEN CONNOR

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1885

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1874 AND 1875

MUSTERED OUT JULY 9, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

## COMRADE ALFRED S. ROE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 6, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**COMRADE JOHN L. PARKER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1909

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 27, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**COMRADE DANIEL H. L. GLEASON**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1907

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 8, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

**COMRADE HENRY A. CASTLE**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1872, 1873. AND 1874

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 16, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

**COMRADE ANDREW G. PETERSON**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1898

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 12, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

**COMRADE O. H. DURAND**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1914

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 14, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**COMRADE M. B. PLUMMER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1915  
MUSTERED OUT MAY 16, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**COMRADE DANIEL B. NEWHALL**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1905  
MUSTERED OUT MAY 24, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
**COMRADE JAMES F. CONNELLY**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1909  
MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 22, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
**COMRADE JOHN WESLEY BODINE**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913  
MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 5, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
**COMRADE W. F. WASHINGTON**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1915  
MUSTERED OUT JUNE 13, 1917







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

**COMRADE J. L. SMITH**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1915

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 20, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF ORGEON

**COMRADE JOHN T. APPERSON**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 3, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF ORGEON

**COMRADE H. S. FARGO**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1901

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 3, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**COMRADE NATHAN P. KINGSLEY**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 22, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC

**COMRADE ARTHUR HENDRICKS**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1898

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 18, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

## COMRADE JOHN T. KENYON

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 29, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

## COMRADE ELISHA H. RHODES

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1877

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1872 AND 1873

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 14, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

## COMRADE CHARLES C. GRAY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1880

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 21, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

## COMRADE BEN A. HAMILTON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1904

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 15, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

## COMRADE M. M. HARRIS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1901

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 17, 1916.





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE ADLEY B. LAWRENCE**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 9, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE THOMAS C. LUNDY**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1910

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 17, 1916



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE J. W. GREENMAN**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1893

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 1, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE RUDOLPH ALFF**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1914

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 3, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**COMRADE F. H. CRAGO**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894

MUSTERED OUT JULY 29, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**COMRADE CHARLES R. LA VALLEY**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1899

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 1, 1917





**ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE  
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**FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON AT DECATUR, ILL.,  
APRIL 6, 1866.**

*First commander in chief,*  
BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.

*First adjutant general,*  
ROBERT MANN WOODS, Illinois.

*First quartermaster general,*  
JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois.

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

**FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER  
20, 1866.**

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.  
The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. McNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

**SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY  
15, 1868.**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

**THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13,  
1869.**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

<sup>1</sup> By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

# FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

# FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871.

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

# SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872.

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

# SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874.**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. <sup>1</sup>
	{ MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877.**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

# **TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 4, 1878.**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

# **THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879.**

Headquarters established National Military Home. Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

# **FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

# **FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., JUNE 15, 16, 1881.**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

### SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21-23, 1882.

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

### SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JULY 25, 26, 1883.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

### EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JULY 23-25, 1884.

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

### NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.



**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,  
AUGUST 4-6, 1886.**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,  
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887.**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,  
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888.**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,  
AUGUST 28-30, 1889.**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.



## TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 13, 14, 1890.

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, Massachusetts. <sup>1</sup>
	{ GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

## TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., AUGUST 5-7, 1891.

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALE, Ohio.

## TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892.

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893.

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

## FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894.**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT. H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895.**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. LIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896.**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST  
25-27, 1897.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, <sup>1</sup> Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900.

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERREIT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFE, Massachusetts.

### THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELBOY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

### THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

### THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

### THIRTY-EIGHT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, Massachusetts. <sup>1</sup>
	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
	{ E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, Missouri. <sup>1</sup>
	{ OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

### THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

### FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906.

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

### FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907.

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

### FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908.

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

### FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AUGUST 12, 13, 1909.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.



# FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
Senior vice commander in chief	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Junior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
Surgeon general	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
Adjutant general	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
National patriotic instructor	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

# FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
Surgeon general	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
Adjutant general	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	JOHN J. McCLAY, Nebraska.
Judge advocate general	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

# FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CAL., SEPTEMBER 9 TO 14, 1912.

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
Senior vice commander in chief	H. Z. OSBORNE, California.
Junior vice commander in chief	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
Chaplain in chief	GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
National patriotic instructor	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

# FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913.

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
Senior vice commander in chief	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
Junior vice commanders in chief	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, Maine. <sup>1</sup> A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
Surgeon general	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief	HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
Adjutant general	OSCAR A. JAMES, Michigan.
Quartermaster general	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
Judge advocate general	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
National patriotic instructor	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned.



### FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914.

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
Senior vice commanders in chief----	{JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, <sup>1</sup> Michigan.
	{W. F. CONNER, Texas.
Junior vice commanders in chief----	{W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Surgeon general-----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
Chaplain in chief-----	ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
Adjutant general-----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general-----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
Judge advocate general-----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
National patriotic instructor-----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

### FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915.

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	LEVANT DODGE, Kentucky.
Surgeon general-----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
Chaplain in chief-----	BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
Adjutant general-----	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general-----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
Judge advocate general-----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor-----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

### FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916.

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City, Mo.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
Surgeon general-----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
Chaplain in chief-----	O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
Adjutant general-----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general-----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Cal.
Judge advocate general-----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Detroit, Mich.
National patriotic instructor-----	URIAH SEELY, Newark, N. J.

### FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20 TO 25, 1917.

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
Surgeon general-----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief-----	C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
Adjutant general-----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general-----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Judge advocate general-----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
National patriotic instructor-----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.



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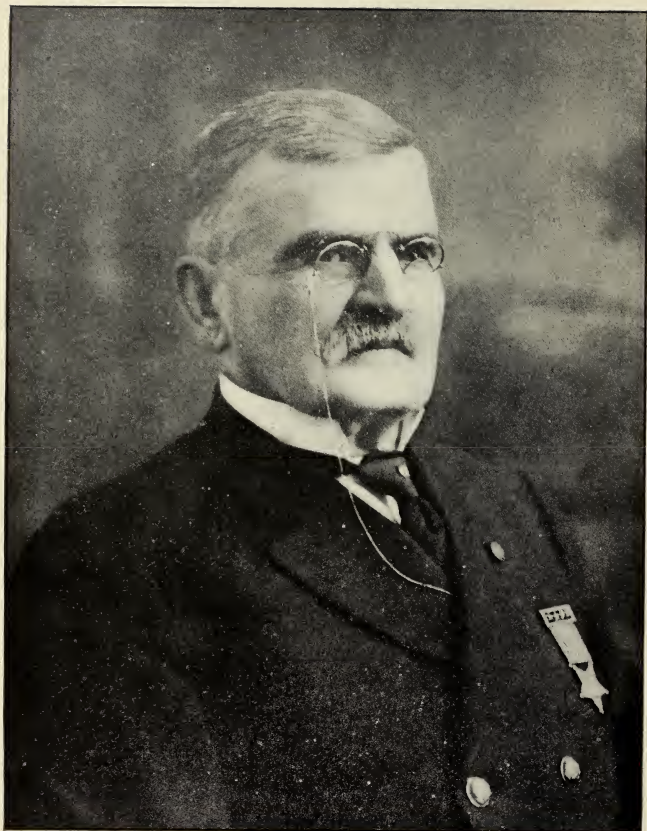
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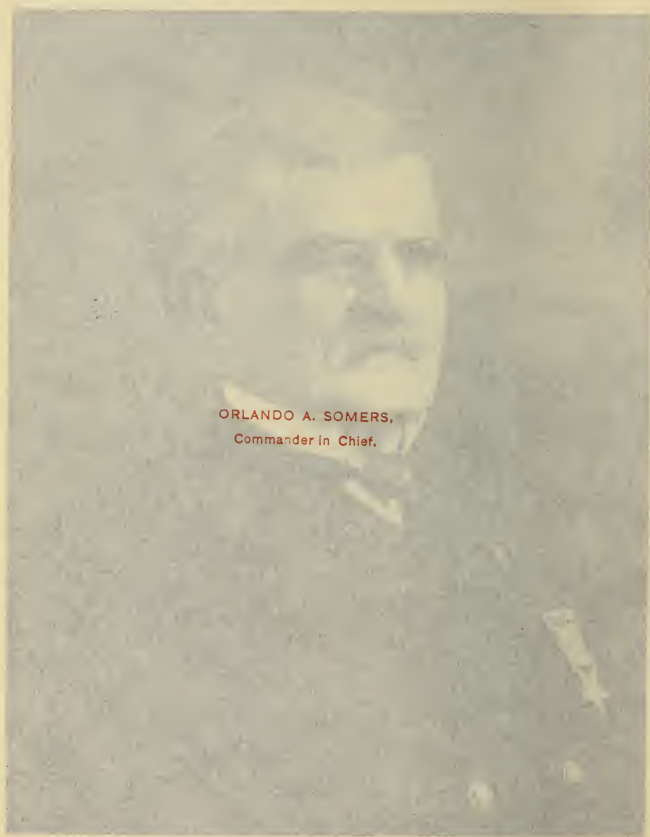
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Deducting previously reported as indicated by †, the net voting strength is 1,354.

National officers, past national officers, and departments.	De- part- ment officers.	Repre- sentat- ives.	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers.	Total.	Deduct previ- ously re- port- ed.†	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote.....				10	.....	10
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Past senior vice commanders in chief.....				15	2	13
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Alabama.....	4	1	13	18	2	16
Arizona.....	4	1	14	19	5	14
Arkansas.....	4	2	19	25	3	22
California and Nevada.....	4	18	31	53	2	51
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4	6	17	27	2	25
Connecticut.....	4	7	19	30	2	28
Delaware.....	4	2	20	26	1	25
Florida.....	4	3	14	21	1	20
Georgia and South Carolina.....	4	1	14	19	3	16
Idaho.....	4	2	15	21	2	19
Illinois.....	4	32	13	49	2	47
Indiana.....	4	25	21	50	1	49
Iowa.....	4	23	18	45	4	41
Kansas.....	4	21	18	43	2	41
Kentucky.....	4	3	13	20	2	18
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	4	2	6	12	2	10
Maine.....	4	8	14	26	1	25
Maryland.....	4	4	21	29	4	25
Massachusetts.....	4	26	12	42	1	41
Michigan.....	4	20	18	42	2	40
Minnesota.....	4	9	21	34	4	30
Missouri.....	4	12	18	34	5	29
Montana.....	4	2	10	16	3	13
Nebraska.....	4	10	21	35	3	32
New Hampshire.....	4	5	16	25	.....	25
New Jersey.....	4	9	16	29	2	27
New Mexico.....	4	1	15	20	2	18
New York.....	4	42	22	68	2	66
North Dakota.....	4	2	17	23	3	20
Ohio.....	4	43	19	66	3	63
Oklahoma.....	4	5	20	29	5	24
Oregon.....	4	7	19	30	.....	30
Pennsylvania.....	4	43	16	63	2	61
Potomac.....	4	4	27	35	5	30
Rhode Island.....	4	4	14	22	1	21
South Dakota.....	4	3	22	29	6	23
Tennessee.....	4	3	16	23	.....	23
Texas.....	4	2	11	17	2	15
Utah.....	4	2	11	17	1	16
Vermont.....	4	6	13	23	1	22
Virginia and North Carolina.....	4	2	9	15	2	13
Washington and Alaska.....	4	8	18	30	1	29
West Virginia.....	4	3	14	21	1	20
Wisconsin.....	4	13	25	42	6	36
Total.....	176	447	739	1,462	108	1,354

*Comparative table showing number of elected and appointed national and department officers and permanent representatives present at the Fifty-second National Encampment.*

National officers, past national officers, and departments.	Elected and appointed.				Permanent.		
	National officers.	De- part- ment officers.	Repre- sentatives.	Total.	Past National officers.	Past depart- ment com- manders.	Total.
National officers.....	8			8			
National council of administration ..	22			22			
Past commanders in chief.....					9		
Past senior vice commanders in chief.....					4		
Past junior vice commanders in chief.....					5		
Alabama.....		1	1	2		5	
Arizona.....		1		1		1	
Arkansas.....		1	2	3		1	
California and Nevada.....		2	18	20		15	
Colorado and Wyoming.....		4	6	10		1	
Connecticut.....		2	7	9			
Delaware.....		2	1	3			
Florida.....		1	2	3			
Georgia and South Carolina.....		1	1	2		3	
Idaho.....		2	2	4		9	
Illinois.....		3	32	35		1	
Indiana.....		2	25	27		6	
Iowa.....		3	23	26		3	
Kansas.....		2	21	23		3	
Kentucky.....		1	3	4			
Louisiana and Mississippi.....							
Maine.....			8	8		1	
Maryland.....		2	4	6		2	
Massachusetts.....		2	26	28		2	
Michigan.....		2	20	22		2	
Minnesota.....		2	9	11		3	
Missouri.....		4	12	16		3	
Montana.....		3	2	5		5	
Nebraska.....		2	10	12		11	
New Hampshire.....		2	3	5		3	
New Jersey.....		4	9	13			
New Mexico.....		2		2		5	
New York.....		2	41	43		3	
North Dakota.....		2	2	4		7	
Ohio.....		2	43	45		2	
Oklahoma.....		3	5	8		5	
Oregon.....		4	7	11		17	
Pennsylvania.....		1	40	41		1	
Potomac.....		2	4	6			
Rhode Island.....			3	3			
South Dakota.....		1	3	4		8	
Tennessee.....			2	2			
Texas.....		1	1	2		1	
Utah.....			2	2		2	
Vermont.....		3	6	9			
Virginia and North Carolina.....		2	1	3			
Washington and Alaska.....		4	8	12		14	
West Virginia.....		1	3	14			
Wisconsin.....		1	13	4		3	
Total.....	30	82	431	543	18	144	162

Total attendance, elected and appointed and permanent representatives. 705

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PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 24, 1918.

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*Commander in Chief,*  
ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.<sup>1</sup>

*Senior Vice Commander in Chief,*  
JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.

*Junior Vice Commander in Chief,*  
JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.<sup>1</sup>

*Surgeon General,*  
JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Chaplain in Chief.*  
CHARLES H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.<sup>1</sup>

*Adjutant General,*  
ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.<sup>1</sup>

*Quartermaster General.*  
COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>

*Judge Advocate General,*  
SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.<sup>1</sup>

*Inspector General,*  
THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.<sup>1</sup>

*National Patriotic Instructor,*  
WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.<sup>1</sup>

*Assistant Adjutant General,*  
C. A. WILLIAMS,<sup>2</sup> Portland, Oreg.<sup>1</sup>

*Assistant Quartermaster General,*  
J. HENRY HOLCOMB,<sup>3</sup> Philadelphia, Pa.

*Chief of Staff,*  
GEORGE A. HOSLEY,<sup>4</sup> Boston, Mass.<sup>1</sup>

*Senior Aide de Camp,*  
GAVIN M. STORMONT,<sup>5</sup> Pomona, Cal.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Comrade Williams, assistant adjutant general of Oregon.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Holcomb, not entitled to vote.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Hosley, past department commander of Massachusetts.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Stormont, past department commander of California and Nevada.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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Alabama	F. G. Sheppard	Birmingham
Arizona	E. S. Godfrey	Cookstown, N. J.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg <sup>1</sup>	Little Rock
California and Nevada	William H. Noll <sup>1</sup>	Los Angeles, Cal.
Colorado and Wyoming	H. M. Minor	Rocky Ford, Colo.
Connecticut <sup>2</sup>	Harry L. Beach	Hartford
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Florida	A. C. Shaffer	Lakeland
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Idaho	C. F. Drake <sup>1</sup>	Weiser
Illinois <sup>2</sup>	John B. Inman <sup>1</sup>	Springfield
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Kansas	David Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Emporia
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Ohio	J. K. P. Ferrell <sup>1</sup>	Uhrichsville
Oklahoma	Charles M. Rawlings	Bartlesville
Oregon	William M. Hendershot <sup>1</sup>	Portland
Pennsylvania <sup>2</sup>	J. Andrew Wilt <sup>1</sup>	Towanda
Potomac	Charles Loeffler	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	John A. Medbery <sup>1</sup>	East Providence
South Dakota	T. C. De Jean	Plankinton
Tennessee	Newton Hacker	Jonesboro
Texas	Martin Ballweg	Cedar Hill
Utah	S. B. Young <sup>1</sup>	Salt Lake City
Vermont	James M. Tracy	Middlebury
Virginia and North Carolina	W. S. Wilson	Nat. Soldiers' Home, Va.
Washington and Alaska	E. A. Shores <sup>1</sup>	Tacoma, Wash.
West Virginia	Smith Risinger <sup>1</sup>	Moundsville
Wisconsin	D. G. James <sup>1</sup>	Richland

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Member of executive committee.



## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.

### PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

B. F. Stephenson, <sup>2</sup> (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-1870
Ambrose E. Burnside, <sup>2</sup> Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, <sup>2</sup> Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazey, <sup>2</sup> Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis.	1892
John B. G. Adams, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died in office Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, <sup>1</sup> St. Louis, Mo.	1900
Ell Torrance, <sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, Minn.	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died in office July 16, 1905)	1904
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.	1905
James Tanner, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.	1905
Robert B. Brown, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, <sup>1</sup> Kansas City, Mo.	1907
Henry M. Nevius, <sup>2</sup> New Jersey (died Jan. 23, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, <sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, Minn.	1909
John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass.	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn.	1912
Washington Gardner, <sup>1</sup> Albion, Mich.	1913
David J. Palmer, <sup>1</sup> Washington, Iowa	1914
Elias R. Monfort, <sup>1</sup> Cincinnati, Ohio.	1915
W. J. Patterson, <sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh, Pa.	1916

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

James B. McKean, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Jan. 5, 1879)	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)	1868
Lucius Fairchild, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1868-1870
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1871-72
Edward Jardine, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, <sup>2</sup> California (died Sept. 18, 1911)	1875-76
Elisha H. Rhodes, <sup>2</sup> Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1878
John Palmer, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1879
Edgar D. Swain, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)	1880
Charles L. Young, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died in September, 1913)	1881
W. E. W. Ross, <sup>2</sup> Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)	1882
William Warner, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1883
John P. Rea, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1884
Selden Connor, <sup>2</sup> Maine (died July 9, 1917)	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Cal.	1886
Nelson Cole, <sup>2</sup> Missouri (died July 31, 1899)	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio	1888
A. G. Weissert, <sup>3</sup> Milwaukee, Wis.	1889
Richard F. Tobin, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)	1890
George H. Innis, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (elected to fill vacancy Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)	1891
Henry M. Duffield, <sup>2</sup> Detroit, Mich. (died July 13, 1912)	1891
R. H. Warfield, <sup>2</sup> California (died July 16, 1906)	1892
Ivan N. Walker, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1893
A. P. Burchfield, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)	1894
E. H. Hobson, <sup>2</sup> Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)	1895
John H. Mullen, <sup>2</sup> Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)	1896
Alfred Lyth, <sup>1</sup> Buffalo, N. Y.	1897
W. C. Johnson, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899)	1898
Daniel Ross, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1899
Irvin Robbins, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911)	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Portland, Me.	1900
John McElroy, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.	1901
William M. Olin, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Apr. 15, 1911)	1902
C. Mason Kinne, <sup>2</sup> California (died Dec. 25, 1913)	1903
John R. King, <sup>4</sup> Baltimore, Md. (promoted to fill vacancy July 17, 1905)	1904
George W. Patten, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (promoted to fill vacancy; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1905
George W. Cook, <sup>2</sup> Colorado (died Dec. 17, 1916)	1905
William H. Armstrong, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio	1908
William M. Bostaph, <sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City, Utah	1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.	1910
Nicholas W. Day, <sup>2</sup> New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, Los Angeles, Cal.	1912
Thomas H. Soward, Guthrie, Okla.	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915)	1914
William F. Conner, Dallas, Tex. (promoted to fill vacancy Mar. 10, 1915)	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, <sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.	1915
William H. Wormstead, Kansas City, Mo.	1916

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade King, past commander in chief.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF.

Robert S. Foster, <sup>2</sup> Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, <sup>2</sup> Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1868-69
Louis Wagner, <sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, <sup>2</sup> California and Nevada (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-72
Edward Ferguson, <sup>2</sup> Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Oakland, Cal.	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, <sup>2</sup> Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, <sup>2</sup> Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C.	1879
George Bowers, <sup>2</sup> New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, <sup>2</sup> Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, <sup>2</sup> Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, <sup>2</sup> California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, New Britain, Conn.	1884
John R. Lewis, <sup>2</sup> Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allan, <sup>2</sup> Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, <sup>2</sup> New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, <sup>2</sup> New York	1888
John F. Lovett, Trenton, N. J.	1889
George B. Creamer, <sup>2</sup> Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, <sup>2</sup> Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, <sup>2</sup> Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, <sup>2</sup> Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, <sup>2</sup> Washington and Alaska (died in 1911)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, <sup>2</sup> Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, Hartford, Conn.	1897
Daniel Ross, <sup>2</sup> Delaware (elected senior vice Sept. 6, 1899; office of junior vice left vacant; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, <sup>2</sup> Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, <sup>2</sup> Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, <sup>2</sup> Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, <sup>2</sup> Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patten, <sup>2</sup> Tennessee (promoted to senior vice commander in chief)	1905
Ephraim B. Stillings, <sup>2</sup> Massachusetts (elected to fill vacancy Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.	1905
E. B. Fenton, <sup>1</sup> Evanston, Ill.	1906
William M. Scott, <sup>1</sup> Atlanta, Ga.	1907
Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C.	1908
Alfred B. Beers, <sup>4</sup> Bridgeport, Conn.	1909
William James, <sup>1</sup> Jacksonville, Fla.	1910
William A. Ogden, <sup>2</sup> Kansas City (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, <sup>5</sup> Washington, D. C.	1912
A. S. Fowler, Little Rock, Ark.	1913
W. F. Conner, <sup>6</sup> Dallas, Tex. (promoted to senior vice commander in chief)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, <sup>1</sup> Berea, Ky.	1915
E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.	1916

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Beers, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Whedon, member of national council of administration.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Conner, past senior vice commander in chief.

## DEPARTMENTS.

[The figures within the ( ) indicate the number of each department in order of permanent organization.]

### ALABAMA (42).

[Organized June 26, 1876. Reorganized Mar. 12, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 60; posts. 3.]

Department commander -----	Isaac W. Higgs <sup>1</sup> -----	Citronelle.
Senior vice department commander -----	A. D. Mitchell -----	Haleyville.
Junior vice department commander -----	Z. Stapleton -----	Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general -----	Charles C. Chapin -----	Birmingham.

#### REPRESENTATIVE.

J. B. Erion, <sup>1</sup> Mobile.

#### ALTERNATE.

William J. Shipman, Birmingham.

#### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

<p>Cornelius Cadle, <sup>2</sup> 1868-70.  Datus E. Coon, <sup>2</sup> 1871.  George H. Patrick, Montgomery, 1871-80.  F. G. Sheppard, <sup>3</sup> Birmingham, 1889.  William H. Hunter, <sup>2</sup> 1890.  Seymour Bullock, <sup>2</sup> 1891 (died in office).  A. B. Hayes, <sup>2</sup> 1891.  William Snyder, <sup>2</sup> 1892.  J. Clyde Millar, <sup>2</sup> 1893.  Charles W. Buckley, <sup>2</sup> 1894.  Manoah Bostwick, Birmingham, 1895.  George F. Wollenhaupt, <sup>4</sup> 1896.  W. H. Black, <sup>2</sup> 1897.  A. G. Bethard, <sup>2</sup> 1898.  A. P. Stone, <sup>4</sup> 1899.  George B. Randolph, <sup>2</sup> 1900.</p>	<p>Geo. F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901.  E. D. Bacon, <sup>2</sup> 1902.  R. H. Allison, <sup>2</sup> 1903.  Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904.  A. G. Negley, Florence, 1905.  A. N. Ballard, Birmingham, 1906.  W. M. Campbell, <sup>2</sup> 1907.  C. E. Peck, <sup>2</sup> 1908 (died in office).  C. A. Cook, <sup>2</sup> 1908.  Thomas R. Gockel, <sup>2</sup> 1909.  Henry M. Austin, <sup>1</sup> Bedford, Va., 1910.  Charles C. Chapin, <sup>5</sup> Birmingham, 1911.  W. H. Brooks, <sup>4</sup> 1912.  Joseph Greenwood, <sup>2</sup> 1913.  Anson B. Culver, Birmingham, 1914.  Charles A. Mange, Anniston, 1915.  J. J. Powers, Mobile, 1916.  E. F. Quinn, Birmingham, 1917.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Sheppard, national council of administration.

<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Chapin, assistant adjutant general.

### ARIZONA (40).

[Organized Jan. 17, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 75; posts. 5.]

Department commander -----	Henry H. Farrington <sup>1</sup> -----	Phoenix.
Senior vice department commander -----	George W. Reed -----	Prescott.
Junior vice department commander -----	Charles Thayer -----	Globe.
Assistant adjutant general -----	A. J. Sampson -----	Phoenix.

#### REPRESENTATIVE.

J. F. Pinkerton, Phoenix.

#### ALTERNATE.

Thomas Boyle, Phoenix.

## ARIZONA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

A. L. Grow, Sawtelle, Cal., 1888.  
 A. B. Sampson, Tucson, 1889.  
 George F. Coates,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Edward Schwartz,<sup>2</sup> 1891-92.  
 Douglas Snyder,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Charles D. Belden, Ben Avon, Pa., 1894.  
 W. F. R. Schindler,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Archibald J. Sampson,<sup>3</sup> Phoenix, 1896.  
 George Hoxworth,<sup>4</sup> 1897.  
 James Finley,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 George Broughton,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 R. H. G. Minty,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Prosper P. Parker,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 C. F. Schumacher,<sup>2</sup> 1902.

George W. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 C. M. Christy,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Arthur J. Judd, Prescott, 1905.  
 James H. Creighton,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 N. S. Fullmer,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 A. J. Doran,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 D. P. Kyle,<sup>1, 5</sup> 1900.  
 E. S. Godfrey,<sup>6</sup> Cookstown, N. J.  
 R. H. Green, Phoenix, 1911.  
 James F. Duncan, Tombstone, 1912.  
 J. J. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1913 (died in office).  
 George W. Reed, Prescott, 1913-14.  
 W. M. Grier,<sup>1</sup> Phoenix, 1915.  
 George W. Barrows, Phoenix, 1916.  
 Henry H. Farrington,<sup>1, 7</sup> Phoenix, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Sampson, assistant adjutant general.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Hoxworth. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Kyle. See California and Nevada.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Godfrey, national council of administration.<sup>7</sup> Comrade Farrington, department commander.

## ARKANSAS (31).

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 163; posts, 7.]

Department commander	-----	Horace Wyman <sup>1</sup>	-----	Bentonville.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Samuel Henderson	-----	Little Rock.
Junior vice department commander	-----	L. C. Carrico	-----	Fort Smith.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	W. H. Conline	-----	Bentonville.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

R. C. Packard,<sup>1</sup> Fort Smith.  
 Henry Vessey, Gentry.

## ALTERNATES.

John Jones, Little Rock.  
 Samuel Morrison,<sup>1</sup> Bentonville

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Stephen Wheeler,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla., 1885.  
 C. C. Waters, Little Rock, 1886.  
 Thomas Boles,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 S. K. Robinson,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 A. S. Fowler,<sup>3</sup> Little Rock, 1889-90.  
 W. H. H. Clayton, South McAlester, Okla., 1891.  
 Powell Clayton,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Logan H. Roots,<sup>2</sup> 1893 (died in office).  
 Thomas H. Barnes,<sup>2</sup> 1893-94.  
 Wm. C. Roberts, Rogers, 1895.  
 O. M. Spellman, Lake Farm, 1896.  
 A. H. Soekland, Little Rock, 1897.  
 W. G. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 George W. Clark, Little Rock, 1899.

A. L. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 W. G. Akers, Little Rock, 1901.  
 John H. Avery, Hot Springs, 1902-03.  
 Edward T. Wolfe, Mena, 1904.  
 W. S. Bartholomew, Mansfield, 1905.  
 J. W. Lane,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Cos Altenberg,<sup>1, 4</sup> Little Rock, 1907.  
 Charles E. Newman,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 A. Y. Killingsworth,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 J. M. McClintock, De Valls Bluff, 1910.  
 R. J. Maxson,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 F. W. Tucker,<sup>1</sup> Little Rock, 1912.  
 A. S. Fowler,<sup>3</sup> Little Rock, 1913-14.  
 Charles S. Warn, Fort Smith, 1915.  
 H. F. Wallace, Siloam Springs, 1916.  
 O. J. Kyler, Little Rock, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Fowler, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Altenberg, national council of administration.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10).

[Organized Feb. 21, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 5,050; posts, 95.]

Department commander	-----	John H. Roberts <sup>1</sup>	-----	San Francisco.
Senior vice department commander	-----	W. B. Van Kirk	-----	Oakland.
Junior vice department commander	-----	C. H. Clark	-----	Tropico.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	A. E. Leavitt <sup>1</sup>	-----	San Francisco.



## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

C. B. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 Alfred Noack,<sup>1</sup> Oakland.  
 A. S. Olney,<sup>1</sup> Berkeley.  
 S. Levitt,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 A. J. Vining,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 George D. Kellogg,<sup>1</sup> Newcastle.  
 W. A. Huddart,<sup>1</sup> Berkeley.  
 John Rainsbury,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 Ludwig Siebe,<sup>1</sup> Oakland.  
 C. A. Fuller,<sup>1</sup> Long Beach.  
 J. F. Myrick,<sup>1</sup> Oakland.  
 R. M. Green,<sup>1</sup> Oroville.  
 George F. McDonald,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 S. W. Sutton,<sup>1</sup> Santa Ana.  
 E. W. Woodward,<sup>1</sup> Oakland.  
 R. C. Martin,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles.  
 J. B. Lauck,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.  
 H. L. Judell,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco.

## ALTERNATES.

George L. Voorhees,<sup>1</sup> Vallejo.  
 M. Petty, Pomona.  
 J. B. Waugh, Lodi.  
 S. B. Graves, Long Beach.  
 G. M. Adams, Pasadena.  
 R. S. Green, Santa Barbara.  
 Edward Kelly, Veterans' Home.  
 G. W. Grannis, Turlock.  
 G. W. Rumble, Berkeley.  
 R. A. Sarle, San Francisco.  
 C. T. Smith, Fresno.  
 M. E. Gates, Sacramento.  
 E. R. Merriman, Corta Medera.  
 E. Higham, Oakland.  
 C. L. Burdick, San Jose.  
 J. M. Aubery, Los Angeles.  
 W. H. Amos, San Francisco.  
 J. G. Beal, Visalia.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John F. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1867 (Provisional).  
 James Coey,<sup>2</sup> Berkeley, 1868-69.  
 W. L. Campbell,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 W. E. McArthur,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 W. H. Aiken, Wrights, 1873-74.  
 A. Carlson,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 A. C. Bagley,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 S. W. Backus,<sup>4</sup> San Francisco, 1877.  
 S. P. Ford,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 C. Mason Kinne,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 W. A. Robinson,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 James W. Staples,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 James M. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 R. H. Warfield,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 W. R. Smedberg,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 E. S. Salomon,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 T. H. Goodman,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George E. Gard,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 A. J. Buckles,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 W. H. L. Barnes,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 J. B. Fuller,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 E. C. Seymour, Highlands, 1893.  
 J. M. Walling,<sup>1</sup> Nevada City, 1894.  
 Charles E. Wilson,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

T. C. Masteller,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 N. P. Chipman, Sacramento, 1897.  
 Sol. Cahen,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 A. F. Dill,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.  
 George Stone,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 W. G. Hawley,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 William R. Shafter,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Charles T. Rice,<sup>1</sup> Riverside, 1904.  
 W. W. Russell, Berkeley, 1905.  
 Wm. C. Alberger,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco, 1906.  
 Wm. G. Waters,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Samuel Merrill, Long Beach, 1908.  
 Wm. S. Daubenspeck, Los Angeles, 1909.  
 E. L. Hawk,<sup>1</sup> Sacramento, 1910.  
 H. V. Parker, Los Angeles, 1911.  
 Wm. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.  
 G. M. Stormont,<sup>1</sup> Pomona, 1913.  
 B. B. Tuttle,<sup>1</sup> Davis, 1914.  
 Hiram B. Thompson, San Diego, 1915.  
 A. E. Leavitt,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco, 1916.  
 C. H. Haskins,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, 1917.

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Joseph S. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1877, transferred from Illinois.  
 W. V. Lucas, Santa Cruz, 1884-1886, transferred from South Dakota.  
 A. V. Cole,<sup>1</sup> Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.  
 E. T. Langley,<sup>1</sup> Santa Anna, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.  
 William A. Bentley, Los Angeles, 1891, transferred from North Dakota.  
 J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.  
 J. Clyde Millar,<sup>2</sup> 1893, transferred from Alabama.  
 J. P. Cummings,<sup>2</sup> 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 George Hoxworth, Long Beach, 1897, transferred from Arizona.  
 O. H. Coulter,<sup>2</sup> 1899, transferred from Kansas.  
 M. A. Breeden,<sup>2</sup> 1900, transferred from Utah.  
 Perry H. Manchester,<sup>1</sup> Escondido, 1900, transferred from Montana.  
 A. H. DeGross,<sup>1</sup> Oakland, 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.  
 James E. Burns,<sup>1</sup> Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 John W. Edwards, San Bernardino, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.  
 Thomas E. Blanchard,<sup>1</sup> Santa Cruz, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.



## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued.

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS—continued.

John C. Gipson,<sup>1</sup> San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York. (See North Dakota and Oklahoma.)

R. H. Mellette,<sup>2</sup> 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.

D. P. Kyle,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, 1909, transferred from Arizona.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Backus, past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Leavitt, assistant adjutant general.

## COLORADO AND WYOMING (21).

[Organized as the Department of the Mountains Dec. 11, 1879. Name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882. Name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,484; posts, 50.]

Department commander -----	Asa Curl <sup>1</sup> -----	Colorado Spgs., Colo.
Senior vice department commander -----	R. E. Fitch <sup>1</sup> -----	Laramie, Wyo.
Junior vice department commander -----	J. S. Bowlby <sup>1</sup> -----	Canon City, Colo.
Assistant adjutant general -----	W. H. Comstock <sup>1</sup> -----	Denver, Colo.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. O. Dostal,<sup>1</sup> Denver.  
 William Green,<sup>1</sup> Rocky Ford.  
 J. H. Williamson,<sup>1</sup> Denver.  
 William Butler,<sup>1</sup> Longmont.  
 M. S. Crawford,<sup>1</sup> Denver.  
 R. H. McGill,<sup>1</sup> Englewood.

## ALTERNATES.

A. B. Cooper, Telluride.  
 J. H. Humphrey, Colorado Springs.  
 D. A. Rankin, Denver.  
 John Heighunbaugh, Colorado Springs.  
 T. J. Harris, Pueblo.  
 N. W. Hall, Rocky Ford.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1875-1877.  
 F. J. Bancroft,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 J. W. Donnellan,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 E. K. Stimson,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83  
 Byron L. Carr,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. V. Bohn,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Henry Bowman,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 George Ady, Seattle, Wash., 1887.  
 John W. Browning,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Thomas J. Fisher,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Delos L. Holden,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 George W. Cook,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John C. Kennedy,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Myron W. Reed,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Nathaniel Rollins,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 N. J. O'Brien,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 H. O. Dodge, Boulder, 1896.  
 U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Cal., 1897.  
 W. T. S. May,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Andrew Royal,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 H. M. Orahoad,<sup>2</sup> 1900.

Linus E. Sherman,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 J. W. Huff, Downs, Kans., 1902.  
 H. S. Vaughn, Denver, 1903.  
 Thomas J. Downen, Pueblo, 1904.  
 George W. Curfman,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 L. C. Dana, Colorado Springs, 1906.  
 R. H. Mellette,<sup>2</sup> (See California and Nevada.)  
 Henry C. Watson, Greeley, 1908.  
 John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909.  
 W. W. Ferguson,<sup>2</sup> 1910 (died in office).  
 W. H. McDonald,<sup>1</sup> Grand Junction, 1910.  
 Dexter T. Sapp, Gunnison, 1911.  
 H. M. Minor,<sup>4</sup> Rocky Ford, 1912.  
 C. A. Brooks, Denver, 1913.  
 O. S. Reed, Pueblo, 1914.  
 F. O. Burdick, Boulder, 1915.  
 James Moynahan, Denver, 1916.  
 W. H. Comstock,<sup>1</sup> Denver, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Comstock, assistant adjutant general.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Minor, national council of administration.

## CONNECTICUT (6).

[Organized Apr. 11, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,816; posts, 59.]

Department commander -----	Christian Quien <sup>1</sup> -----	Danbury.
Senior vice department commander -----	George T. Meech -----	Middletown.
Junior vice department commander -----	Charles H. Clark -----	Stonington.
Assistant adjutant general -----	William M. Barnum <sup>1</sup> -----	Bridgeport.

## CONNECTICUT—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

David W. Sharpe,<sup>1</sup> New Haven.  
 George I. Buxton, Norwalk.  
 W. H. Shaffer,<sup>1</sup> Hartford.  
 Andrew Gordon, Thompsonville.  
 F. E. Hastings,<sup>1</sup> Windsor Locks.  
 James H. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Bridgeport.  
 William L. Davies,<sup>1</sup> New London.

## ALTERNATES.

William E. Brockett, New Haven.  
 Chauncey L. Platt,<sup>1</sup> Norwalk.  
 H. H. Blake,<sup>1</sup> Short Beach.  
 George C. Thomas, Willimantic.  
 Howard A. Sawtelle, Meriden.  
 William A. Aikin, Norwalk.  
 Henry L. Lankton, Wethersfield.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward Harland, <sup>2</sup> 1867.	Oscar W. Cornish, <sup>2</sup> 1896.
Theodore G. Ellis, <sup>2</sup> 1868-69.	Gustav D. Bates, <sup>2</sup> 1897.
William H. Mallory, <sup>2</sup> 1870-71.	William E. Simonds, <sup>2</sup> 1898.
L. A. Dickinson, <sup>2</sup> 1872-73.	Henry R. Jones, <sup>2</sup> 1899.
Charles J. Buckbee, <sup>2</sup> 1874-75.	John K. Bucklyn, <sup>2</sup> 1900.
William E. Disbrow, <sup>2</sup> 1876-77.	Thomas Boudren, <sup>2</sup> 1901.
Frank G. Otis, <sup>2</sup> 1878 (died in office).	N. Burton Rogers, Danbury, 1902.
Charles E. Fowler, <sup>2</sup> 1878-79.	Morgan G. Bulkeley, Hartford, 1903.
George S. Smith, Niantic, 1880.	William C. Hillard, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
Alfred B. Beers, <sup>2</sup> Bridgeport, 1881.	Albert A. May, Meriden, 1905.
Ira E. Hicks, <sup>4</sup> New Britain, 1882.	Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.
Isaac B. Hyatt, <sup>2</sup> 1883.	Charles A. Appel, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
William Berry, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	Edward Griswold, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
Frank D. Sloat, Washington, D. C., 1885.	George Haven, New London, 1909.
John T. Crary, <sup>2</sup> 1886.	Edson S. Bishop, <sup>5</sup> Hartford, 1910.
Henry E. Taintor, <sup>2</sup> 1887.	Richard J. Cutbill, S. Norwalk, 1911.
Samuel B. Thorne, Winsted, 1888.	William H. Dougal, New Preston, 1912.
William H. Pierpont, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	James R. Sloane, Meriden, 1913.
John C. Broatch, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	Frederick V. Streeter, New Britain, 1914.
Henry N. Fanton, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	Charles Griswold, Guilford, 1915.
Benajah E. Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1892.	Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, 1916.
Wilbur F. Rogers, Meriden, 1893.	Benjamin H. Cheney, New Haven, 1917.
Selah G. Blakeman, Shelton, 1894.	
John M. Brewer, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Beers, past commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Hicks, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## DELAWARE (23).

[Organized Jan. 14, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 284; posts, 16.]

Department commander -----	Orrin J. Cook <sup>1</sup> -----	Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander -----	R. H. Williams -----	Marshallton.
Junior vice department commander -----	Edward Horne -----	Wilmington.
Assistant adjutant general -----	J. S. Litzenberg <sup>1</sup> -----	Wilmington.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

David R. Myers, Wilmington.  
 James H. Porter, Wilmington.

## ALTERNATES.

J. M. Collins, Wilmington.  
 Wesley Jackson,<sup>1</sup> Milford.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. S. McNair, <sup>2</sup> 1881.	R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.
John Wainwright, <sup>2</sup> 1882.	Peter B. Ayars, <sup>2</sup> 1889.
Daniel Ross, <sup>2</sup> 1883.	Samuel Lewis, <sup>2</sup> 1890.
C. M. Carey, <sup>3</sup> 1884.	A. J. Woodman, <sup>2</sup> 1891.
J. S. Litzenberg, <sup>1,4</sup> Wilmington, 1885.	George W. Stradley, Laurel, 1892.
John M. Dunn, <sup>2</sup> 1886.	B. D. Bogia, Wilmington, 1893.
John E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887.	J. E. Vantine, <sup>2</sup> 1894.

## DELAWARE—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Edwin F. Wood, Dover, 1895.  
 William B. Norton,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 J. S. Bradley,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Robert Liddell, Wilmington, 1898.  
 William H. Moystin,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 William A. Reilly, Wilmington, 1900.  
 J. W. Worrall,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 John C. Garner,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 William G. Baugh, Wilmington, 1903.  
 Wm. Kelley, jr., Wilmington, 1904.  
 William Tharp,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Ira Lunt,<sup>2</sup> 1906.

Jesse Hellings, Dover, 1907.  
 H. W. Perkins, Wilmington, 1908.  
 William H. Blake, Wilmington, 1909.  
 George C. Morton, Wilmington, 1910.  
 Wm. Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.  
 Jesse K. Baylis, Wilmington, 1912.  
 J. Rankin Armstrong, Newark, 1913.  
 J. T. Reihms,<sup>1</sup> 1914.  
 John P. Riley, Wilmington, 1915.  
 S. Sheward Johnson, Wilmington, 1916.  
 J. T. Alexander, Wilmington, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Litzenburg, assistant adjutant general.

## FLORIDA (36).

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 663; posts, 20.]

Department commander	-----	H. B. Jeffries <sup>1</sup>	-----	Zephyrhills.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Theodore W. B. Brake	-----	St. Augustine.
Junior vice department commander	-----	H. W. Corl	-----	St. Cloud.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	James C. Percival	-----	Zephyrhills.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Clinton E. Spencer, Dade City.  
 H. W. Crosier,<sup>1</sup> Kissimmee.  
 H. J. Penrod, St. Petersburg.

## ALTERNATES.

James Goff, St Cloud  
 Abner Flint,<sup>1</sup> -----.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884-85.  
 G. H. Norton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 E. W. Henck, Plainfield, N. J., 1887.  
 William James,<sup>1,2</sup> Jacksonville, 1888.  
 J. W. V. R. Plummer,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Fred S. Goodrich,<sup>4</sup> 1890.  
 John H. Welsh,<sup>4</sup> 1891.  
 J. De V. Hazzard, Eustis, 1892.  
 Geo. F. Foote, Washington, D. C., 1893.  
 David L. Way, Jacksonville, 1894.  
 P. E. McMurray,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 L. Y. Jenness,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.  
 George H. Packwood, Tampa, 1898.  
 Edwin Kirby,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 John S. Fairhead,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 F. G. Parcell,<sup>2</sup> 1901.

S. Herbert Lancy,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 J. F. Chase,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Henry Marcotte, St. Augustine, 1904.  
 T. J. Owen,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 William E. Emerson,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Samuel W. Fox,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 S. R. Hudson,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James Skinner, Archer, 1909.  
 James O. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Joseph Bumby,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 William P. Lynch, St. Cloud, 1912.  
 William S. Siggins,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Lyman Leighton, St. Petersburg, 1914.  
 James F. Bullard, St. Cloud, 1915.  
 W. H. Melrath,<sup>2</sup> 1916.  
 John A. Wallace, Tampa, 1917.

E. V. Richards,<sup>2</sup> 1900, transferred from New Jersey.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade James, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41).

[Organized Jan. 25, 1889. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 119; posts, 7.]

Department commander	-----	W. P. Randall <sup>1</sup>	-----	Atlanta, Ga.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Charles H. Cox	-----	Atlanta, Ga.
Junior vice department commander	-----	F. M. Brist	-----	Beaufort, S. C.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	Charles R. Haskins	-----	Atlanta, Ga.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

E. R. Booker,<sup>1</sup> Fitzgerald, Ga.

## ALTERNATE.

J. H. Rinard, Tallapoosa, Ga.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John R. Lewis, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	J. A. Commerford, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
David Porter, <sup>2</sup> 1890	C. F. Fairbanks, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891.	W. H. Kimball, Tallapoosa, 1906.
Thomas F. Gleason, <sup>2</sup> 1892-93.	O. P. Webster, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
C. T. Watson, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	Leander Scott, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
L. B. Nelson, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	Charles R. Haskins, <sup>6</sup> Atlanta, 1909
John L. Clem, <sup>3</sup> Washington, D. C., 1896.	S. C. Brown, <sup>2</sup> 1910.
James P. Averill, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	F. A. Jones, <sup>1</sup> Tallapoosa, 1911.
James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C., 1898.	C. H. Brooks, <sup>2</sup> 1912.
Alex Mattison, Decatur, 1899.	P. Q. Stoner, <sup>1</sup> St. George, 1913.
S. A. Darnell, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	J. C. Wade, <sup>1</sup> Cornelia, 1914.
Lewis Thayer, Fitzgerald, 1901.	W. B. Todd, National Soldiers' Home, Tennessee, 1915.
W. M. Scott, <sup>1,4</sup> Atlanta, 1902.	R. S. Smith, <sup>1</sup> Tallapoosa, 1916.
F. D. Lee, <sup>2</sup> 1903	G. E. Whitman, Fitzgerald, 1917.

Richard Bond,<sup>2</sup> 1879, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.J. W. Scully,<sup>2</sup> 1885, transferred from Louisiana and Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Clem, senior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Scott, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Haskins,, assistant adjutant general.

## IDAHO (39).

[Organized Jan. 11, 1888. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 370; posts, 18.]

Department commander	-----	F. T. Page <sup>1</sup>	-----	Weiser.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Levi Slinker <sup>1</sup>	-----	Payette.
Junior vice department commander	-----	T. J. Leeson	-----	Nampa.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	C. F. Drake <sup>1</sup>	-----	Boise.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. B. Wentley,<sup>1</sup> Boise.Silas Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Nampa.

## ALTERNATES.

George Gardner, Emmett.

J. M. Gill, Boise.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. Nye, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	E. S. Whittier, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
A. S. Senter, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	C. F. Drake, <sup>1,4</sup> Weiser, 1904.
W. T. Riley, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	George A. Manning, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
Judson Spofford, <sup>1</sup> Boise, 1891.	Alfred Anderson, <sup>1</sup> Boise, 1906.
A. O. Ingalls, Murray, 1892.	A. M. Rowe, Boise, 1907.
R. H. Barton, <sup>1</sup> Moscow, 1893.	William K. Jameson, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
T. J. Groome, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	Stewart Young, Rathdrum, 1909.
D. H. Budlong, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	Willard White, <sup>1</sup> Boise, 1910.
J. L. Fuller, <sup>1</sup> Shoshone, 1896.	M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911.
Lindol Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	James W. Shields, <sup>1</sup> Twin Falls, 1912.
N. F. Kimball, <sup>2</sup> 1898.	A. G. Nettleton, <sup>1</sup> Nampa, 1913.
S. L. Thompson, <sup>2</sup> 1899.	H. J. Newhouse, Rathdrum, 1914.
Charles A. Clark, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	William H. Cable, <sup>2</sup> 1915.
William C. Maxey, <sup>2</sup> 1901.	R. H. Barnes, <sup>1</sup> Twin Falls, 1916.
George M. Parsons, <sup>2</sup> 1902.	George F. Kimery, <sup>1</sup> Boise, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Drake, national council of administration.

## ILLINOIS (1).

[Organized Apr. 6, 1866. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 9,376; posts, 393.]

Department commander	-----	Joseph W. Fifer <sup>1</sup>	-----	Bloomington.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Edwin N. Armstrong	-----	Peoria.
Junior vice department commander	-----	Henry K. Wolcott <sup>1</sup>	-----	Batavia.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	Henry C. Cooke <sup>1</sup>	-----	Chicago.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

B. F. Lee,<sup>1</sup> Rockford.  
 James J. Healy, Chicago.  
 Addison Jones,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 A. T. Hayes,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln.  
 W. H. Moore,<sup>1</sup> Bloomington.  
 C. T. Marsh,<sup>1</sup> Rockford.  
 S. A. Campbell,<sup>1</sup> Mattoon.  
 W. M. Hanna, Aurora.  
 U. S. Ten Eyck,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 R. I. Law,<sup>1</sup> Galesburg.  
 William P. Wright, Chicago.  
 C. O. Holmes,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Edward Goggin, Chicago.  
 William D. Broomhead,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 J. S. Varley,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Gilbert R. Tucker, Chicago.  
 H. Little, Chicago.  
 Charles J. Sauter,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 J. F. McCroskey,<sup>1</sup> Elgin.  
 Robert Oliver,<sup>1</sup> Rockford.  
 George H. Sanders,<sup>1</sup> Rochelle.  
 Andrew Bladel,<sup>1</sup> Rock Island.  
 Henry C. Turner,<sup>1</sup> Quincy.  
 H. E. Doll,<sup>1</sup> Peoria.  
 E. C. Silliman,<sup>1</sup> Chenoa.  
 J. P. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> Danville.  
 D. B. Culp,<sup>1</sup> Decatur.  
 George W. Webster,<sup>1</sup> Pittsfield.  
 James M. Taylor,<sup>1</sup> Taylorville.  
 J. G. Oulson,<sup>1</sup> Alton.  
 D. C. Zimmerman,<sup>1</sup> Vandalia.  
 E. J. Ingersoll,<sup>1</sup> Carbondale.

## ALTERNATES.

M. H. Ambrose,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 F. C. Sammons, Danville.  
 George Ober,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 J. D. Nottingham,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 Henry Hazenwinkle,<sup>1</sup> Bloomington.  
 Levi Silliman,<sup>1</sup> Quincy.  
 J. E. Johnson, Lexington.  
 M. Umbdenstock, Chicago.  
 E. H. Boomer, Rockford.  
 Maffit Hulett,<sup>1</sup> Chicago.  
 Henry C. Hays, Chicago.  
 W. F. Sargeant, Chicago.  
 H. Barnard, Chicago.  
 S. F. Champlin, Chicago.  
 John Carmichael, Chicago.  
 W. W. Cameron, Chicago.  
 H. M. Studebaker, Streator.  
 James M. Brown, Freeport.  
 E. B. McKeever, Moline.  
 Samuel White, Galesburg.  
 Haller E. Charles, Peoria.  
 James Gilchrist, Lincoln.  
 J. Gammel, Danville.  
 W. E. Smith, Monticello.  
 L. Goheen, Jacksonville.  
 H. H. Biggs, Springfield.  
 L. W. Noyes, East St. Louis.  
 S. B. Stout, Vandalia.  
 J. M. Johnson, Carbondale.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Stephenson,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 John M. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1866-68.  
 Charles E. Lippincott,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 Guy T. Gould,<sup>2</sup> Oakland, Cal., 1873.  
 H. Hilliard,<sup>2</sup> 1874-76.  
 Joseph S. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 T. B. Coulter, Canon City, Colo., 1878.  
 Edgar D. Swain,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 J. W. Burst,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Thomas G. Lawler,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Samuel A. Harper,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 L. T. Dickason,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 W. W. Berry,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Philip Sidney Post,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 A. C. Sweetser,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 James A. Sexton,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James S. Martin,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 William L. Distin,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Horace S. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Edwin Harlan,<sup>2</sup> 1892.

Edward A. Blodgett,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 H. H. McDowell,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 William H. Powell,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.  
 Albert L. Schimpff,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 John C. Black,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John B. Inman,<sup>1,4</sup> Springfield, 1899.  
 Joel M. Longnecker,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 N. B. Thistlewood,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 H. M. Trimble,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Benson Wood,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Robert Mann Woods, Chicago, 1904.  
 John C. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Edwin H. Buck,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 A. C. Mathews,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Joseph Rosenbaum, Chicago, 1908.  
 Philip C. Hayes,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 James A. Connolly,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 C. C. Duffy, Ottawa, 1911.  
 Thomas H. Gault,<sup>2</sup> 1912.



## ILLINOIS—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

J. H. Crowder,<sup>1</sup> Bethany, 1913.  
 Samuel Fallows, Chicago, 1914.  
 John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.

W. F. Calhoun, Decatur, 1916.  
 C. S. Bentley, LaGrange, 1917.

Milton Stewart, Chicago, 1885, transferred from Kansas.

Charles M. Travis,<sup>2</sup> 1889, transferred from Indiana.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Gould, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Inman, national council of administration.

## INDIANA (20).

[Organized Aug. 20, 1866. Reorganized Oct. 3, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 7,250; posts, 249.]

Department commander	-----Alonzo Murphy <sup>1</sup> -----	Greensburg.
Senior vice department commander	-----I. N. Watkins-----	Logansport.
Junior vice department commander	-----Valentine Marks-----	Elkhart.
Assistant adjutant general	-----J. R. Fesler <sup>1</sup> -----	Indianapolis.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

William H. Hickman,<sup>1</sup> Pennville.  
 William Warren,<sup>1</sup> Evansville.  
 Morris Ford,<sup>1</sup> New Harmony.  
 J. W. Sullivan, Washington.  
 Louis Bir, New Albany.  
 A. S. Creath, Greensburg.  
 W. F. Kendall,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
 H. P. Dorsett,<sup>1</sup> Greencastle.  
 Luther Downey, Rushville.  
 Solomon Smith, Milroy.  
 Albert J. Ball,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 Thomas C. Clapp,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 Henry C. Durbin, Anderson.  
 S. B. Garrett, Muncie.  
 George W. Newkirk, Greentown.  
 T. R. Caldwell,<sup>1</sup> Lebanon.  
 John W. Barnes,<sup>1</sup> Kokomo.  
 P. A. Holliday,<sup>1</sup> Monticello.  
 Jacob Fisher,<sup>1</sup> Brookston.  
 Frederick H. Hartel, Logansport.  
 J. A. Clevenger,<sup>1</sup> North Manchester.  
 Cornelius Gearin,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne.  
 William H. McIntosh, Auburn.  
 David Smeltzer, Elkhart.  
 Benjamin Bear, Laporte.

## ALTERNATES.

William L. Heiskell,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 George D. Martin,<sup>1</sup> Petersburg.  
 Matthew Geiser, Boonville.  
 W. F. Wirts, Washington.  
 W. J. Hauger, Salem.  
 H. C. Snell,<sup>1</sup> Greensburg.  
 W. Bostic, Greensburg.  
 Albert Martin, Dana.  
 G. S. Golden,<sup>1</sup> Brookville.  
 Lafayette Larsh, Richmond.  
 C. W. Chappell,<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis.  
 Z. T. Landers, Indianapolis.  
 A. Green, Union City.  
 Gilbert Gray, Noblesville.  
 W. Kemp, Frankfort.  
 D. C. Smith, Crawfordsville.  
 Dan White, Lafayette.  
 W. D. Saylor, Rensselaer.  
 Adam Foust,<sup>1</sup> Warren.  
 G. W. Smith, National Military Home.  
 John N. Kress, Fort Wayne.  
 D. L. Beaber,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne.  
 A. Hunneshagen,<sup>1</sup> Kewanna.  
 Jonathan Tinkey, Claypool.  
 W. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Newburg.  
 T. C. Williams,<sup>1</sup> Terre Haute.  
 John Krohn,<sup>1</sup> Albany.  
 T. P. Rockafellow,<sup>1</sup> Laurel.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Robert S. Foster,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 Nathan Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 Robert S. Foster,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Oliver M. Wilson,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Louis Humphrey,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Jonathan B. Hager,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Samuel E. Armstrong,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 William W. Dudley,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 James R. Carnahan,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 Edwin Nicar,<sup>1</sup> South Bend, 1884.

David N. Foster,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne, 1885.  
 Thomas W. Bennett,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Ira J. Chase,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Argus D. Vanosdol, Madison, 1888.  
 Charles M. Travis,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.  
 Ivan N. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Joseph B. Cheadle,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 James T. Johnston,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Albert O. Marsh,<sup>2</sup> 1894.



## INDIANA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Harvey B. Shively,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Henry M. Caylor, Noblesville, 1896.  
 James S. Dodge, Elkhart, 1897.  
 Daniel Ryan, Carthage, 1898.  
 William L. Dunlap,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 David E. Beem, Spencer, 1900.  
 Milton Garrigus,<sup>1</sup> Kokomo, 1901.  
 Benjamin Starr,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 George W. Grubbs, Martinsville, 1903.  
 Daniel R. Lucas,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Marine D. Tackett,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Edmund R. Brown,<sup>1</sup> Winamac, 1906.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Somers, commander in chief.

Wm. A. Ketcham, Indianapolis, 1907.  
 John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.  
 Orlando A. Somers,<sup>1,3</sup> Kokomo, 1909.  
 Alex. P. Asbury, Farmersburg, 1910.  
 Dan Waugh, Tipton, 1911.  
 Frank Swigart,<sup>2</sup> 1912 (died in office).  
 W. E. Gorsuch, South Bend, 1912.  
 Daniel W. Comstock,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 A. B. Crampton,<sup>1</sup> Marion, 1914.  
 Lewis King, Crampton, 1915.  
 V. V. Williams, Bedford, 1916.  
 Samuel M. Hench,<sup>1</sup> Fort Wayne, 1917.

## IOWA (19).

[Organized Sept. 26, 1866. Reorganized Jan. 23, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 6,513; posts, 288.]

Department commander	-----	E. J. C. Bealer <sup>1</sup>	-----	Cedar Rapids.
Senior vice department commander	-----	M. T. Scanlon <sup>1</sup>	-----	Des Moines.
Junior vice department commander	-----	H. A. Field	-----	Grinnell.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	George A. Newman <sup>1</sup>	-----	Des Moines.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. B. Classen,<sup>1</sup> Marshalltown.  
 John W. Schafer,<sup>1</sup> Fairfield.  
 William F. Gilbert,<sup>1</sup> Burlington.  
 F. C. Grace,<sup>1</sup> Hollywood, Calif.  
 W. H. Easterly, Clinton.  
 A. G. Beatty,<sup>1</sup> Independence.  
 F. S. Whitney, Ackley.  
 John R. Cook,<sup>1</sup> West Union.  
 Charles M. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Mason City.  
 Frank G. Clark,<sup>1</sup> Cedar Rapids.  
 G. W. Davis,<sup>1</sup> Lisbon.  
 H. L. Jones,<sup>1</sup> Montezuma.  
 F. M. Epperson, Eddyville.  
 J. W. Brown,<sup>1</sup> Des Moines.  
 Ole Nelson,<sup>1</sup> Ames.  
 E. H. Scales,<sup>1</sup> Corydon.  
 D. B. Cowles,<sup>1</sup> Chariton.  
 S. G. Funk, Panora.  
 J. A. Patterson,<sup>1</sup> Greenfield.  
 Scott Barber,<sup>1</sup> Scranton.  
 Porter H. Bradley,<sup>1</sup> Jefferson.  
 E. Boyer,<sup>1</sup> Spencer.  
 T. A. Sheppard,<sup>1</sup> Sioux City.

## ALTERNATES.

J. C. Boice, Washington.  
 Daniel Graham, Wapello.  
 J. R. Smith, Columbus Junction.  
 William Fishburn, Muscatine.  
 Joseph H. Clark,<sup>1</sup> Davenport.  
 Henry Campbell, Waterloo.  
 E. A. Gregory,<sup>1</sup> Union.  
 J. F. Troutner, Nashua.  
 Joseph Watt, Charles City.  
 D. W. King, Cedar Rapids.  
 H. B. Kelley, Grundy Center.  
 J. P. Toombs, Bloomfield.  
 J. Watland, New Sharon.  
 John Anderson,<sup>1</sup> Winterset.  
 Samuel Oxenreider, Lacona.  
 J. S. Noble, Newmarket.  
 T. F. Willis, Charinda.  
 J. J. C. Weldon,<sup>1</sup> Mondamin.  
 W. T. McKee, Massena.  
 W. H. Davidson, Manson.  
 Levi Goodell, Humboldt.  
 Frank Bidwell, Sutherland.  
 Calvin Hook, Sioux City.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Parrott,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
 A. A. Perkins,<sup>2</sup> 1876-78.  
 H. E. Griswold,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 W. F. Conrad,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Peter V. Carey, Des Moines, 1881.  
 George B. Hugin,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 John B. Cook,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 E. G. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 W. R. Manning,<sup>2</sup> 1885.

W. A. McHenry, Denison, 1886.  
 J. M. Tuttle,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 E. A. Consigny,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Charles H. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Mason P. Mills,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles L. Davidson,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 J. J. Steadman,<sup>3</sup> 1892.  
 Phil. Schaller,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Geo. A. Newman,<sup>1,4</sup> Des Moines, 1894.

## IOWA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

J. K. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Josiah Givin,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 A. H. Evans, Keokuk, 1897.  
 R. W. Tirrell, Manchester, 1898.  
 C. F. Bailey<sup>1</sup>, Barney, N. Dak., 1899.  
 M. B. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 George Metzger, Davenport, 1901.  
 John Lindt,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 L. B. Raymond,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.  
 S. H. Harper,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Charles A. Clarke,<sup>2</sup> 1906.

David J. Palmer,<sup>1</sup> Washington, 1907.  
 J. C. Milliman, Logan, 1908.  
 M. McDonald, Bayard, 1909.  
 H. A. Dyer,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Lot Abraham, Mt. Pleasant, 1911.  
 J. D. Brown, Leon, 1912.  
 J. W. Willett,<sup>1</sup> Tama, 1913.  
 Byron C. Ward, Des Moines, 1914.  
 John E. Merry,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 John H. Mills,<sup>1</sup> Redfield, 1916.  
 J. L. Farrington,<sup>1</sup> Iowa Falls, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Steadman. See California and Nevada.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Newman, assistant adjutant general.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Palmer, past commander in chief.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Willett, national council of administration.

## KANSAS (22).

[Organized Dec. 7, 1866. Reorganized Mar. 16, 1880. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 6,084; posts, 257.]

Department commander	-----	W. W. Smith <sup>1</sup>	-----	Topeka.
Senior vice department commander	-----	S. Baughman	-----	Chanute.
Junior vice department commander	-----	D. B. Clum	-----	Parsons.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	D. L. Sweeney <sup>1</sup>	-----	Topeka.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

J. T. Holmes,<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson.  
 W. F. Wingrove, Clay Center.  
 W. W. Denison,<sup>1</sup> Topeka.  
 J. W. Phillips, Wichita.  
 James A. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Girard.  
 W. A. Carnahan,<sup>1</sup> National Military Home.  
 J. W. Priddy,<sup>1</sup> Topeka.  
 J. H. Osborn,<sup>1</sup> Humboldt.  
 E. M. Adams,<sup>1</sup> Mound City.  
 George F. Pendarvis,<sup>1</sup> Parsons.  
 W. Thompson,<sup>1</sup> Independence.  
 H. W. Hills, Burlingame.  
 J. H. Harvey, Emporia.  
 E. R. Haynes,<sup>1</sup> Glasco.  
 W. T. Davidson, Abilene.  
 Wesley Harbison,<sup>1</sup> Jewell City.  
 H. D. Shaffer,<sup>1</sup> Hays.  
 George W. Thatcher,<sup>1</sup> Great Bend.  
 W. H. Mitchell,<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson.  
 R. J. Fisher,<sup>1</sup> Wellington.  
 W. H. Dewey,<sup>1</sup> Wichita.

## ALTERNATES.

J. C. Collins, Paola.  
 C. N. Bacon, Topeka.  
 W. H. Johnson, Salina.  
 G. M. Brassfield, Frankfort.  
 R. B. Edwards, Emporia.  
 J. G. Hanna,<sup>1</sup> Hiawatha.  
 M. L. Campbell,<sup>1</sup> Natl. Military Home.  
 E. M. Clark, Olathe.  
 George P. Washburn,<sup>1</sup> Ottawa.  
 G. R. Blackwood, Rest.  
 G. L. Banks, Independence.  
 Scott Elliott,<sup>1</sup> Lyndon.  
 J. E. Smith, Osage City.  
 Jacob Spivey,<sup>1</sup> Culver.  
 G. S. Smith, Delphos.  
 Angelo Colson, Ionia.  
 F. E. McLain, Hays.  
 J. A. Arnett, Dodge City.  
 S. S. Dickinson, Larned.  
 I. Kinney, Newton.  
 Frank Tate, Wellington.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

John A. Martin,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 John C. Carpenter, Chanute, 1868.  
 W. S. Jenkins,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73 (See Missouri).  
 Stephen A. Cobb,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
 John Guthrie,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 J. H. Gilpatrick,<sup>2</sup> 1877-78.  
 J. C. Walkinshaw,<sup>2</sup> 1879-1882.

Thomas J. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Homer W. Pond,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 Milton J. Stewart,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 C. J. McDivitt,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 T. H. Soward,<sup>4</sup> 1887.  
 J. W. Feighan,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Henry Booth,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Ira F. Collins, Sabetha, 1890.

## KANSAS—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Timothy McCarthy,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 A. R. Green, Hood River, Oreg., 1892.  
 Bernard Kelley, Topeka, 1893.  
 W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894.  
 John P. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 W. C. Whitney,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Theo. Botkin,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 D. W. Eastman,<sup>2</sup> 1898 (see Oklahoma).  
 O. H. Coulter,<sup>2</sup> 1899 (see California  
 and Nevada).  
 W. W. Martin, National Military Home.  
 1900.  
 J. B. Remington,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 H. C. Loomis,<sup>2</sup> 1902.

Abraham W. Smith, Topeka, 1903.  
 Charles Harris, Emporia, 1904.  
 P. H. Coney,<sup>1</sup> Topeka, 1905-6.  
 R. A. Campbell, Hutchinson, 1907.  
 W. A. Morgan,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Joel H. Rickel, Chanute, 1909.  
 Nathan E. Harmon,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 T. P. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 J. N. Harrison, Topeka, 1912-13.  
 Ira D. Brougher,<sup>1</sup> Great Bend, 1914.  
 C. A. Meek, Wichita, 1915.  
 R. M. Painter, Meade, 1916.  
 A. C. Pierce,<sup>1</sup> Junction City, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Stewart. See Illinois.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Soward. See Oklahoma.

## KENTUCKY (27).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1883. Membership Dec. 31, 1917, 620; posts, 50.]

Department commander -----	T. A. Casey <sup>1</sup> -----	Dayton.
Senior vice department commander -----	Andrew Offutt -----	Lebanon.
Junior vice department commander -----	George W. Ward -----	Louisville.
Assistant adjutant general -----	J. D. Compton -----	Covington.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles Solar,<sup>1</sup> Newport.  
 C. C. Furr,<sup>1</sup> Frankfort.  
 Michael Carey, Owensboro.

## ALTERNATES.

E. F. Tucker, Greensburg.  
 William M. Hayes, Berea.  
 Philip White,<sup>1</sup> Louisville.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

J. C. Michie,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 W. H. Harton,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 George W. Northup,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 T. Z. Morrow,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 William Bowman,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 O. A. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Vincent Boreing,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Michael Minton,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Samuel G. Hillis,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Edward H. Hobson, 1892.  
 T. E. Livezey,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Daniel O'Riley,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 R. M. Kelly,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Americus Whedon,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.,  
 1896.  
 Andrew J. Tharp,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 John W. Hammond, Louisville, 1898.  
 Joseph H. Browning,<sup>2</sup> 1899.

L. M. Drye, Bradfordsville, 1900.  
 John Blaes,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 T. F. Beyland,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 W. G. Foree, Indianapolis, Ind., 1903.  
 William T. Bausmith,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Bernard Mathews, Louisville, 1905.  
 George T. Grinstead,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Le Vant Dodge,<sup>1</sup> Berea, 1907-8.  
 R. B. Hewetson,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 S. D. Van Pelt, Danville, 1910.  
 C. C. Degman,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 John Barr, Lebanon, 1912.  
 W. J. L. Hughes,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Edwin Farley, Paducah, 1914.  
 John T. Gunn, Lexington, 1915.  
 Sam D. Brown, Louisville, 1916.  
 James R. Howard, Lexington, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Whedon, national council of administration.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Dodge, past junior vice commander in chief.

## LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35).

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884. Changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership Dec. 31, 1917, 276; posts, 22.]

Department commander -----	E. T. Gipson -----	New Orleans, La.
Senior vice department commander -----	Lewis Herman -----	New Orleans, La.
Junior vice department commander -----	Michel Decuir -----	Baton Rouge, La.
Assistant adjutant general -----	Oscar Pilman -----	New Orleans, La.

## LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Basile Ulgere, New Orleans, La.  
William Shively, New Orleans, La.

## ALTERNATES.

T. J. Rogers, New Orleans, La.  
Jules Narcis, New Orleans, La.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William Roy,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
J. W. Scully,<sup>2</sup> 1885 (transferred to  
Georgia and South Carolina).  
A. S. Badger,<sup>2</sup> 1886-1892.  
Charles H. Shute,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
Charles W. Keeting,<sup>2</sup> 1894-1899.  
F. C. Antoine,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
Paul Bruce, New Orleans, 1901.

Charles W. Keeting,<sup>2</sup> 1902-1904.  
J. S. Davidson, New Orleans, 1905.  
P. H. Boyle,<sup>2</sup> 1906-7.  
James Lewis,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
J. A. Brookshire, New Orleans, 1909.  
E. K. Russ,<sup>3</sup> New Orleans, 1910-1915.  
E. T. Gipson,<sup>4</sup> New Orleans, 1916-17.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Russ, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gipson, department commander.

## MAINE (9).

[Organized Jan. 10, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 2,243; posts, 119.]

Department commander	-----	Fred A. Motley	-----	Portland.
Senior vice department commander	-----	O. O. Stetson	-----	Augusta.
Junior vice department commander	-----	George W. Goulding	-----	Oakland.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	E. H. Hanson	-----	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Henry E. Merriam,<sup>1</sup> Gardiner.  
Ira C. Jordan, Bethel.  
Alfred B. Perkins,<sup>1</sup> Augusta.  
Edward A. Butler,<sup>1</sup> Rockland.  
John Munroe,<sup>1</sup> Mechanic Falls.  
Abel H. Pratt, Howes Corner.  
Matthew C. Morrill, Gray.  
James Wood,<sup>1</sup> Biddeford.

## ALTERNATES.

George T. Jacobs, Phillips.  
L. P. Rogers, Patten.  
L. C. Putnam, Belfast.  
F. L. Palmer, Monroe.  
W. N. Van Cor, Farmington.  
W. F. Small, Ellsworth.  
G. A. Whitman, South Paris.  
E. L. Walker, Woodfords.  
A. W. Gray,<sup>1</sup> Brownfield.  
A. R. Tobey,<sup>1</sup> Bridgton.  
Daniel Shea,<sup>1</sup> Togus.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George L. Beal,<sup>2</sup> 1868-69.  
Charles P. Mattocks,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
Daniel White,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
Selden Connor,<sup>2</sup> 1874-75.  
Nelson Howard,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
John D. Myrick,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
Augustus C. Hamlin,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
Winsor B. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
Isaac S. Bangs,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
William G. Haskell,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
Augustus B. Farnham,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
Elijah M. Shaw,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
Benjamin Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
James A. Hall,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
Samuel W. Lane,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
Richard K. Gatley,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
Horace H. Burbank,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
Franklin M. Drew, Lewiston, 1889.  
John D. Anderson, Gray, 1890.  
Samuel D. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
Isaac Dyer,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
Wainwright Cushing,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
J. Wesley Gilman,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
William H. Green,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

Lorenzo D. Carver,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop, 1897.  
Charles A. Southard,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
Frederick Robie,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
Seth T. Snipe,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
William C. Clayton, Bangor, 1901.  
James L. Merrick,<sup>1</sup> Waterville, 1902.  
Joshua L. Chamberlain,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
Edwin C. Milliken,<sup>3</sup> Portland, 1904.  
Henry O. Perry,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
Frederick S. Walls, Vinal Haven, 1906.  
Frank F. Goss,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
Woodbury K. Dana, Westbrook, 1908.  
Augustus W. McCausland,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
John W. Webster,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls, 1911.  
William H. Holston, Cumberland Mills,  
1912.  
John F. Lamb,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
Thomas S. Benson, Hallowell, 1914.  
Simon S. Andrews, Biddeford, 1915.  
Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg, 1916.  
John Q. Adams, Houlton, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Milliken, past senior vice commander in chief.

## MARYLAND (16).

[Organized Jan. 8, 1868. Reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 993; posts, 49.]

Department commander ----- E. Walter Giles<sup>1</sup> ----- Baltimore.  
 Senior vice department commander ----- George H. Roush ----- Baltimore.  
 Junior vice department commander ----- Joshua Thomas<sup>1</sup> ----- Hagerstown.  
 Assistant adjutant general ----- Robert C. Sunstrom ----- Baltimore.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

John N. Jenks, Baltimore.  
 George T. Leech,<sup>1</sup> Indian Head.  
 James T. Mitchell,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.  
 John J. Shields,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.

## ALTERNATES.

James Tucker,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore.  
 Adam A. Comp, Cumberland.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Andrew W. Dennison,<sup>2</sup> 1867-1869.  
 E. Y. Goldsborough,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 Edward T. Daneker, Baltimore, 1871.  
 Adam E. King,<sup>2</sup> 1872.  
 Erastus B. Tyler,<sup>2</sup> 1876-1878.  
 William E. Griffith, Baltimore, 1879.  
 William E. W. Ross,<sup>2</sup> 1880-81.  
 Graham Dukehart, Baltimore, 1882.  
 John Suter,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Frank M. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 John W. Horn,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 George W. F. Vernon, Baltimore, 1886.  
 Henry P. Underhill,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Theodore F. Lang,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George F. Wheeler,<sup>1</sup> Baltimore, 1889.  
 George R. Graham,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Joseph C. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Wallace A. Bartlett,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Frank Nolen,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Myron L. Rose,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Oliver A. Horner,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 A. S. Cooper,<sup>2</sup> 1896.

George W. Johnson,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 David L. Stanton, Baltimore, 1898.  
 Lewis M. Zimmerman,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 John R. King,<sup>3</sup> Baltimore, 1900.  
 John G. Taylor, Baltimore, 1901.  
 John W. Worth,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 William Stahl,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 James Campbell, Baltimore, 1904.  
 Richard N. Bowerman, Baltimore, 1905.  
 George Prechtel, Upperco, 1906.  
 Fred C. Tarr,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Robert C. Sunstrom,<sup>4</sup> Baltimore, 1908.  
 Benjamin F. Taylor, Baltimore, 1909.  
 William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910.  
 John T. Holmes, Baltimore, 1911.  
 George Prechtel,<sup>6</sup> Upperco, 1912.  
 Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.  
 Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.  
 Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.  
 James E. Van Sant, Ellicott City, 1916.  
 E. Walter Giles,<sup>1,6</sup> Baltimore, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade King, past commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Sunstrom, assistant adjutant general.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Prechtel, department commander, 1906.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Giles, department commander.

## MASSACHUSETTS (7).

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 7,483; posts, 200.]

Department commander ----- Edwin M. Stanley<sup>1</sup> ----- Manchester.  
 Senior vice department commander ----- George W. Wilder ----- Boston.  
 Junior vice department commander ----- Horace Goodwin ----- Westfield.  
 Assistant adjutant general ----- Philip A. Nordell<sup>1</sup> ----- Boston.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

William H. H. Howe,<sup>1</sup> Cambridge.  
 Edward W. Rhodes, Attleboro.  
 Andrew Moran,<sup>1</sup> Mansfield.  
 Lewis Reed, Rockland.  
 Obed H. Ellis, Whitman.  
 W. B. Webber, Brookline.  
 Costely O. Norcross, Brookline.  
 Wm. J. Hargraves,<sup>1</sup> West Roxbury.  
 Charles H. Almeder,<sup>1</sup> Boston.

## ALTERNATES.

Mansel H. Bush,<sup>1</sup> Dorchester.  
 John W. Bean, Attleboro.  
 John Gilbert, Fall River.  
 Horace S. Tower, Hanover.  
 John A. Hall, Brockton.  
 George W. Pratt, Stoughton.  
 Richmond L. Weston, Canton.  
 Frank H. Prescott, Revere.  
 Daniel H. Poole, Boston.



## MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES—continued.

C. Bradford Holmes,<sup>1</sup> Revere.  
 Albert Fitzemeyer, Boston.  
 Elbridge Wasson, Haverhill.  
 J. J. Curran,<sup>1</sup> Lawrence.  
 W. H. Brown, Marblehead.  
 Charles Newhall,<sup>1</sup> Danvers.  
 C. Parker Cox,<sup>1</sup> Cambridge.  
 Augustus Lovejoy, Ayer.  
 A. B. Collier, Brighton.  
 John Flood,<sup>1</sup> Newton.  
 Charles H. Hildreth, Townsend.  
 William Hart, Worcester.  
 Charles F. Henry, Worcester.  
 Andrew R. Snow,<sup>1</sup> Webster.  
 John P. Thompson,<sup>1</sup> Northampton.  
 William P. Saxton, Greenfield.  
 Henry A. Tower, North Adams.

## ALTERNATES—continued.

George W. Little, Brookline.  
 J. Murray Atwood, Plymouth.  
 Hiram T. Balch,<sup>1</sup> Newburyport.  
 Clarence M. Sprague, Lynn.  
 John C. Grover, Salem.  
 Samuel Brookings, Newburyport.  
 Edgar A. Hall, Medford.  
 George Rouillard,<sup>1</sup> Beachmont.  
 John Stafford, Cambridge.  
 W. H. Cox, Haverhill.  
 A. Otis Chamberlin,<sup>1</sup> Cambridge.  
 Henry J. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> Milford.  
 G. Marshall Greene, Milford.  
 Charles S. Houghton,<sup>1</sup> Leominster.  
 Edwin H. Moore, Enfield.  
 Robert B. Dickie, Pittsfield.  
 Orville W. Prouty, Amherst.  
 David King,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 Frederick S. McCausland,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 Herman F. Morse,<sup>1</sup> Haverhill.  
 James F. Flynn,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 John B. McDonough,<sup>1</sup> Jamaica Plain.  
 James H. Webb,<sup>1</sup> Boston.  
 Sewall G. Cushing,<sup>1</sup> Fitchburg.  
 H. A. Butterworth,<sup>1</sup> Attleboro.  
 John W. Hersey,<sup>1</sup> Medford.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Austin S. Cushman,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 A. B. R. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Frances A. Osborn,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 James L. Bates,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 William Cogswell,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 Henry R. Sibley,<sup>3</sup> 1872.  
 A. B. Underwood,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 John W. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 George S. Merrill,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Horace Binney Sargent,<sup>2</sup> 1876-78.  
 John G. B. Adams,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 John A. Hawes,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 George W. Creasey,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 George H. Patch,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 George S. Evans,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 John D. Billings, Allston, 1884.  
 John W. Hersey,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Richard F. Tobin,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Charles D. Nash,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Myron P. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George L. Goodale,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 George H. Innis,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Arthur A. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 James K. Churchill,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Eli W. Hall, Lynn, 1893.

Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, 1894.  
 Joseph W. Thayer,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William P. Derby,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 John M. Deane,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 William H. Bartlett,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John E. Gilman,<sup>2</sup> Roxbury, 1899.  
 Peter D. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Silas A. Barton,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Wilmon A. Blackmar,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Dwight O. Judd,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Lucius Field,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 James H. Wolff,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 J. Payson Bradley, Boston, 1906.  
 D. H. L. Gleason,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Alfred S. Roe,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 John L. Parker,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 J. Willard Brown, 1910 (died in office).  
 Granville C. Fiske, Ashland, 1910-11.  
 George A. Hosley,<sup>1</sup> Chester, N. H., 1912.  
 Thomas J. Ames, Leominster, 1913.  
 John M. Woods, Somerville, 1914.  
 Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.  
 Frances E. Mole,<sup>1</sup> Adams, 1916.  
 Daniel E. Denny, Worcester, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gilman, past commander in chief.



## MICHIGAN (18).

[Organized May 6, 1868. Reorganized Jan. 22, 1879. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 5,553; posts, 240.]

Department commander	David S. Howard <sup>1</sup>	Pontiac.
Senior vice department commander	Jay J. Holmes	Eaton Rapids.
Junior vice department commander	Frank Lester	Mason.
Assistant adjutant general	Henry Spaulding <sup>1</sup>	Lansing.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

R. A. Parker,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 Uriah Gould,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 C. G. Drake,<sup>1</sup> Adrian.  
 Emery M. Morse, Battle Creek.  
 W. A. Preston,<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph.  
 John Bostock, Grand Rapids.  
 John Staley, Mason.  
 A. A. Haskell, Port Huron.  
 M. J. Whitney,<sup>1</sup> Portland.  
 A. A. Miner, Luther.  
 Hiram Russell,<sup>1</sup> Bay City.  
 John G. Berry, Vanderbilt.  
 Thomas S. Nelson, Ishpeming.  
 Alvah L. Sawyer,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 Albert Dunham,<sup>1</sup> Jackson.  
 A. L. Bryant,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 Charles B. Andrews,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 E. F. Lamb,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 Griffin Lewis,<sup>1</sup> Bay City.  
 Uriah H. Lazelle,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.

## ALTERNATES.

W. W. Dean, Traverse City.  
 S. D. Bailey, Detroit.  
 James Sutton,<sup>1</sup> Jackson.  
 William Frick, Kalamazoo.  
 John Seel, Benton Harbor.  
 Theo. C. Putnam, Grand Rapids.  
 A. S. Shattuck,<sup>1</sup> Lansing.  
 George J. Dart,<sup>1</sup> Akron.  
 William L. McNitt, Saginaw.  
 Charles Miller, Muskegon.  
 I. H. Richardson, Midland.  
 Lorenzo Clark, Harbor Springs.  
 P. C. Beanston, Marquette.  
 Allen H. Cady, Detroit.  
 George W. Howe,<sup>1</sup> Port Huron.  
 B. F. Tower, Belding.  
 George W. Norton, Eaton Rapids.  
 W. G. Miner, Portland.  
 William Hubbard, Bay City.  
 Thomas Wyckoff, Pontiac.  
 Charles A. Bartlett,<sup>1</sup> Detroit.  
 Samuel Giles,<sup>1</sup> Pontiac.  
 J. R. Kingman,<sup>1</sup> Eaton Rapids.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,<sup>2</sup> 1867 (provisional).  
 William A. Throop,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 William Humphrey,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 C. V. R. Pond,<sup>2</sup> 1878-79.  
 A. T. McReynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids,  
 1881-82.  
 Oscar A. Janes,<sup>2</sup> Detroit, 1883.  
 Rush J. Shank,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 Charles D. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 John Northwood, New Lothrop, 1886.  
 L. G. Rutherford,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Washington Gardner,<sup>14</sup> Albion, 1888.  
 Michael Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (transferred to  
 Montana).  
 Henry M. Duffield,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles L. Eaton,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Henry S. Dean,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 James H. Kidd, 1893.  
 Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.  
 S. B. Daboll,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William Shakespeare,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Aaron T. Bliss,<sup>2</sup> 1897.

Alex L. Patrick,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Russell R. Pealer,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Ethel M. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 James Van Kleeck, Bay City, 1901.  
 Edward C. Anthony, Negaunee, 1902.  
 D. B. K. Van Raalte,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 George H. Hopkins,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 E. C. Cannon, Evart, 1905.  
 Joseph B. Griswold,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William Jibb,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Charles E. Foote,<sup>2</sup> 1908 (died in office).  
 G. L. Holmes,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James M. Greenfield, Flushing, 1909.  
 Samuel J. Lawrence, Detroit, 1910.  
 George W. Stone, Lansing, 1911.  
 John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.  
 Frank R. Chase,<sup>1</sup> Smyrna, 1913.  
 Riley L. Jones, Detroit, 1914.  
 Henry C. Rankin,<sup>2</sup> 1915 (died in office).  
 Eli Strong, Kalamazoo, 1915.  
 L. H. Ives, Mason,<sup>1</sup> 1916.  
 William O. Lee, Port Huron, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Janes, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gardner, past commander in chief.

## MINNESOTA (24).

[Organized Aug. 14, 1867. Reorganized Aug. 17, 1881. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 2,423; posts, 134.]

Department commander ----- Edwin F. Kenrick<sup>1</sup> ----- St. Paul.  
 Senior vice department commander ----- John R. Howard ----- Detroit.  
 Junior vice department commander ----- H. A. Gerrish ----- Minneapolis.  
 Assistant adjutant general ----- Orton S. Clark<sup>1</sup> ----- St. Paul.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Darwin S. Hall, Olivia.  
 Harrison A. Read,<sup>1</sup> Wasica.  
 E. Z. Rasey, St. James.  
 S. W. Powell,<sup>1</sup> Stillwater.  
 John C. Lewis, Minneapolis.  
 James A. Norris,<sup>1</sup> Sauk Center.  
 J. H. Bacon, Litchfield.  
 J. M. Phillippi,<sup>1</sup> Bemidji.  
 D. D. Storms,<sup>1</sup> Clearwater.

## ALTERNATES.

M. D. Manning,<sup>1</sup> Willmar.  
 G. W. Tibbetts,<sup>1</sup> West Concord.  
 James Hendren, Woodstock.  
 Charles H. Robinson,<sup>1</sup> Waterville.  
 John L. Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis.  
 Henry W. Garfield, Wadena.  
 S. A. Anderson, Dawson.  
 T. A. Harris, Crookston.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry G. Hicks,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Henry A. Castle,<sup>2</sup> 1872-74.  
 George H. Johnston,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Adam Marty, St. Paul, 1881-82.  
 John P. Rea,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Edward C. Babb,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.  
 William Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Lewis L. Wheelock,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 James H. Ege,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Alphonso Barto,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 James Compton,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Charles D. Parker,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 L. M. Lange, Cass Lake, 1892.  
 John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.  
 Samuel R. Van Sant,<sup>1,3</sup> Minneapolis, 1894.  
 Ell Torrance,<sup>1,4</sup> Minneapolis, 1895.  
 J. J. McCardy,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 E. B. Wood, Long Prairie, 1897.  
 E. W. Mortimer,<sup>2</sup> 1898.

D. B. Searle,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Gideon S. Ives, St. Paul, 1900.  
 William H. Harries,<sup>1</sup> Minnehaha Falls, 1901.  
 Perry Starkweather,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Isaac L. Mahan, St. Paul, 1903.  
 Harrison White, Minneapolis, 1904.  
 C. F. Macdonald, St. Cloud, 1905.  
 Levi Longfellow,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, 1906.  
 George A. Whitney,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Marcus W. Bates,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Loren W. Collins,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Philip G. Woodward,<sup>1,5</sup> Anoka, 1910.  
 J. A. Everett, Fairmont, 1911.  
 William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912.  
 Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913.  
 Charles H. Hopkins, Fairfax, 1914.  
 Watson W. Hall,<sup>1</sup> St. Paul, 1915.  
 Charles Van Campen, Rochester, 1916.  
 Silas H. Towler,<sup>1,6</sup> Minneapolis, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Van Sant, past commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Torrance, past commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Woodward, national council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Towler, past junior vice commander in chief.

## MISSOURI (25).

[Organized May 16, 1867. Reorganized Apr. 22, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 3,183; posts, 147.]

Department commander ----- Phil. F. Coghlan<sup>1</sup> ----- St. Louis.  
 Senior vice department commander ----- John Hack<sup>1</sup> ----- Trenton.  
 Junior vice department commander ----- Samuel M. Mann<sup>1</sup> ----- St. Joseph.  
 Assistant adjutant general ----- Wilbur F. Henry<sup>1</sup> ----- Kansas City.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Nich. Mathias,<sup>1</sup> Moberly.  
 A. Whipple, St. Louis.  
 Henry Phelps,<sup>1</sup> Joplin.  
 L. F. Hunt,<sup>1</sup> Brookfield.  
 A. Bowers,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.

## ALTERNATES.

A. J. Showers,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.  
 R. H. Savage, St. Joseph.  
 G. W. Cunningham, Kirksville.  
 Jacob Hott, California.  
 F. M. Williams, Joplin.

## MISSOURI—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

O. S. Richards,<sup>1</sup> Kansas City.  
 T. J. Dockery,<sup>1</sup> Kirksville.  
 C. B. Kurtz,<sup>1</sup> Kansas City.  
 C. W. Webster,<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph.  
 John Michel,<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph.  
 J. W. Root,<sup>1</sup> Trenton.  
 S. D. Webster,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis.

G. W. Sparks, Trenton.  
 Ira G. Kinney, Kansas City.  
 Levi Oren, Maitland.  
 W. S. Wood, Tarkio.  
 S. A. Stanton, Nevada.  
 W. W. Chapel, Appleton City.  
 M. P. Owen, St. Louis.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Wm. Warner,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 W. F. Chamberlain, Hannibal, 1884.  
 Nelson Cole,<sup>2</sup> 1885-86.  
 E. E. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Hiram Smith, jr.,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 John E. Phelps,<sup>1,3</sup> 1889.  
 Leo Rassieur,<sup>1,4</sup> St. Louis, 1890.  
 George W. Martin, Brookfield, 1891.  
 C. W. Whitehead,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Chas. G. Burton,<sup>1,5</sup> Portland, Oreg., 1893.  
 Louis Grund,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Louis Benecke, Brunswick, 1895.  
 Thomas B. Rodgers,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 John P. Platt,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 A. G. Peterson,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.  
 W. F. Henry,<sup>1,6</sup> St. Louis, 1900.

George Hall, Trenton, 1901.  
 Ira T. Bronson,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 F. M. Sterrett, Troy, Ohio, 1903.  
 Jere T. Dew,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Henry Fairback,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 John Willaims,<sup>1,7</sup> California, 1906.  
 Thomas D. Kimball, St. Louis, 1907.  
 J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.  
 W. H. Skinner,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Robert N. Denham,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Benjamin Warner, Kansas City, 1911.  
 Charles W. Rubey,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 Arthur Dreifus,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 William Lowe,<sup>1</sup> Warrensburg, 1914.  
 James B. Dobyne,<sup>1</sup> St. Louis, 1915.  
 Alex McCandless, Moberly, 1916.  
 Thomas W. Evans,<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph, 1917.

William S. Jenkins,<sup>2</sup> 1872, transferred from Kansas.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Phelps. See Washington and Alaska.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Rassieur, past commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Burton, past commander in chief.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Henry, assistant adjutant general.

<sup>7</sup> Comrade Williams, national council of administration.

## MONTANA (37).

[Organized Mar. 10, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 276; posts, 14.]

Department commander	John Marchion <sup>1</sup>	Anaconda.
Senior vice department commander	D. T. Goff	Hamilton.
Junior vice department commander	Benj. Malben <sup>1</sup>	Helena.
Assistant adjutant general	George H. Taylor <sup>1,3</sup>	Helena.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Martin Maginnis, Helena.  
 Charles H. Cobb,<sup>1</sup> Great Falls.

## ALTERNATES.

Jacob Ohl, Sula.  
 William Roney,<sup>1</sup> Billings.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas P. Fuller,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Charles S. Warren, Butte, 1886.  
 Ela C. Waters,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Julius G. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James E. Galloway,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Ed. F. Ferris,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Harry C. Kessler,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John L. Sloan,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Joseph O. Gregg,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Peter R. Dolman,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Robert E. Fisk,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Lester S. Willson, Bozeman, 1896.

Thaddeus C. Davidson,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 W. H. H. Dickinson,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 C. B. Miller, Somers, 1899.  
 P. H. Manchester,<sup>1,4</sup> 1900.  
 Frank P. Sterling,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Alanson N. Bull,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 J. S. Wisner,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Henry N. Blake, Boston, Mass., 1904.  
 Wilbur F. Sanders,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 A. J. Fisk,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 B. N. Beebe,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Edwin C. Kinney,<sup>2</sup> 1908.

## MONTANA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Edwin S. Pease,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Robert G. Huston,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 John J. Rohrbaugh,<sup>5</sup> 1911.  
 W. Y. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Bozeman, 1912.  
 P. W. Sheehy,<sup>2</sup> 1913.

E. L. Barnes,<sup>1</sup> Great Falls, 1914.  
 James R. Goss,<sup>1</sup> Billings, 1915.  
 G. I. Reiche,<sup>1</sup> Columbia Falls, 1916.  
 Simon Hauswirth,<sup>1</sup> Butte, 1917.

Michael Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1889, transferred from Michigan.

J. B. Wolgemuth,<sup>2</sup> 1905, transferred from South Dakota.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Taylor, national council of administration.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Manchester. See California and Nevada.

<sup>5</sup> Not now a member of the order.

## NEBRASKA (17).

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 2,651; posts, 171.]

Department commander	-----	Jos. S. Hoagland <sup>1</sup>	-----	North Platte.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Geo. W. Fuller	-----	Seward.
Junior vice department commander	-----	T. J. Bender	-----	Fairmont.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	Harmon Bross <sup>1</sup>	-----	Lincoln.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Jas. D. Gage, Dunning.  
 Wm. Robb, Lexington.  
 P. C. Funk,<sup>1</sup> Funk.  
 Sam Overton,<sup>1</sup> Peru.  
 Judson Burwell,<sup>1</sup> Juniata.  
 Edward Updyke,<sup>1</sup> Omaha.  
 Thos. Glass,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln.  
 Alfred Hiller,<sup>1</sup> Seward.  
 Theodore Baker,<sup>1</sup> Ord.  
 A. J. Frantz,<sup>1</sup> Hastings.

## ALTERNATES.

F. S. Goddard,<sup>1</sup> Omaha.  
 J. R. Ratcliffe, Central City.  
 W. C. Mullin, Grand Island.  
 H. W. George, Omaha.  
 J. T. Brown, Pawnee City.  
 R. S. Cooley, Waverly.  
 H. V. Hoagland, Lincoln.  
 J. F. Heine, Hooper.  
 A. M. Walling,<sup>1</sup> David City.  
 R. J. Collins, Ord.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Paul Vandervoort,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 R. H. Wilbur,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 James W. Savage,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 S. J. Alexander,<sup>2</sup> 1881-82.  
 John C. Bonnell,<sup>2</sup> Logan City, Tex.,  
 1883.

Henry E. Palmer,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. V. Cole,<sup>1,4</sup> 1885.  
 John M. Thayer,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Henry C. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 W. C. Henry,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 J. B. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (died in office).  
 S. H. Morrison,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 T. S. Clarkson,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Joseph Teeter,<sup>1</sup> McCook, 1891.  
 C. J. Dilworth,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Alonzo H. Church,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Church Howe,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 C. E. Adams,<sup>1,5</sup> Omaha, 1895.  
 J. H. Culver,<sup>1</sup> Milford, 1896.  
 John A. Ehrhardt,<sup>1</sup> Stanton, 1897.

Thomas J. Majors,<sup>1</sup> Peru, 1898.  
 John E. Evans,<sup>1</sup> North Platte, 1890.  
 John Reese,<sup>1</sup> Broken Bow, 1900.  
 Robert S. Wilcox,<sup>1</sup> Omaha, 1901.  
 C. F. Steele,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Lee Estelle,<sup>1</sup> Omaha, 1903.  
 Harmon Bross,<sup>1,6</sup> Lincoln, 1904.  
 John Lett, York, 1905.  
 John R. Maxon, Minden, 1906.  
 Thomas A. Creigh,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Eli A. Barnes, Grand Island, 1908.  
 L. D. Richards, Fremont, 1909.  
 John F. Diener,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 A. M. Trimble,<sup>1</sup> Lincoln, 1911.  
 M. V. King,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 John A. Dempster,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 O. H. Durand,<sup>2</sup> 1914.  
 George C. Humphrey,<sup>1</sup> Grand Island,  
 1915.  
 W. H. Stewart, Geneva, 1916.  
 Wilson E. Majors,<sup>1</sup> Peru, 1917.

Griff J. Thomas,<sup>1</sup> Harvard, 1879-81, transferred from Wisconsin.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Cole. See California and Nevada.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Adams, national council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade Bross, assistant adjutant general.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (12).

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,227; posts, 68.]

Department commander	Eugene Wason <sup>1</sup>	Milford.
Senior vice department commander	Frank W. Wilson	Manchester.
Junior vice department commander	Mortier L. Morrison <sup>1</sup>	Peterboro.
Assistant adjutant general	Frank Battles	Concord.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Hiram G. Sherman,<sup>1</sup> Claremont.  
 Andrew Hanon, Berlin.  
 Henry P. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Portsmouth.  
 Geo. P. Morrill,<sup>1</sup> Penacook.  
 Andros P. Jones, Nashua.

## ALTERNATES.

J. N. Patterson, Concord.  
 Wm. S. Learned, Rumney Depot.  
 Thos. Entwistle, Portsmouth.  
 John F. Clough, Manchester.  
 Arthur Thompson, Warner.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Matthew T. Betton,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 William R. Patten,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Daniel Vaughan,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 James E. Larkin,<sup>2</sup> 1870.  
 Augustus H. Bixby,<sup>2</sup> 1871.  
 William H. Trickey,<sup>1</sup> Tilton, 1872.  
 Timothy W. Challis,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 Alvin S. Eaton,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Charles J. Richards,<sup>2</sup> 1876-78.  
 George Bowers,<sup>2</sup> 1879-80.  
 Martin A. Haynes, Lakeport, 1881-82.  
 John C. Linehan,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 Marcus M. Collis,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 George Farr,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Otis G. Wyatt,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 A. B. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 James F. Grimes,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Thomas Cogswell,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Everett B. Huse,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Daniel Hall, Dover, 1892.  
 Frank G. Noyes,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 David R. Pierce,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Charles E. Buzzell,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Lewis W. Aldrich,<sup>2</sup> 1896.

James Minot,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 A. S. Twitchell,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Horace L. Worcester, Rochester, 1899.  
 David E. Proctor, Wilton, 1900.  
 A. C. Haines, Newmarket, 1901.  
 William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.  
 Edward E. Parker, Nashua, 1903.  
 Henry O. Kent,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Daniel B. Newhall,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Osman B. Warren,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William S. Pilsbury,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Augustus D. Sanborn,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Charles W. Stevens, Nashua, 1909.  
 A. D. Scovell,<sup>1</sup> Manchester, 1910.  
 Henry A. Conant,<sup>2</sup> 1911 (died in office).  
 William A. Beckford, Bristol, 1912.  
 George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.  
 David R. Roys,<sup>1</sup> Claremont, 1913.  
 O. B. Douglass, Concord, 1914.  
 M. B. Plummer,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 R. T. Leavitt, Pittsfield, 1916.  
 Chas. W. Hobbs, Pelham, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## NEW JERSEY (8).

[Organized Dec. 10, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 2,310; posts, 94.]

Department commander	George E. Boyd <sup>1</sup>	Jersey City.
Senior vice department commander	Stephen R. Mullen <sup>1</sup>	Summit.
Junior vice department commander	John B. Fagan <sup>1</sup>	Harrison.
Assistant adjutant general	G. Dwight Stone <sup>1</sup>	Elizabeth.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Isaac Cole,<sup>1</sup> Newark.  
 John B. Davis, Camden.  
 H. Craig Smith,<sup>1</sup> Plainfield.  
 Thomas F. Lauback,<sup>1</sup> Jersey City.  
 A. C. Gile,<sup>1</sup> Cape May.  
 J. M. Freeman,<sup>1</sup> Newark.  
 H. Clay Keenan, Jersey City.  
 F. Bateman, Camden.  
 William Miller, Union.

## ALTERNATES.

Stephen Van Nest, Jersey City.  
 Peter J. Lydecker, Paterson.  
 Martin Wagner, Jersey City.  
 Nelson Rancier, Kearny.  
 John Frobert,<sup>1</sup> Paterson.  
 James Van Horn,<sup>1</sup> Newark.  
 William Bloker,<sup>1</sup> Paterson.  
 Dennis V. L. Sheppard,<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth.



## NEW JERSEY—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

E. Jardine,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 William Ward,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 Richard H. Lee,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 J. R. Goble,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 Charles Burrows,<sup>2</sup> Rutherford, 1874-75.  
 E. W. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 John Mueller,<sup>2</sup> 1877-78.  
 Samuel Hufty,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 George W. Gile,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 Charles H. Houghton,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 E. L. Campbell,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 George B. Fielder,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Henry M. Nevius, 1884-85.  
 Frank O. Cole, Jersey City, 1886.  
 J. L. Wheeler,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 E. Burd Grubb,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 W. B. Miller,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 A. M. Matthews,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 J. R. Mullikin, Newark, 1891.  
 R. A. Donnelly,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 H. L. Hartshorn,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 John Shields, Vineland, 1894.  
 Henry S. White,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Ernest C. Stahl, Trenton, 1896.  
 Emmanuel Sands,<sup>2</sup> 1897 (died in office).

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Burrows, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Atkins, national council of administration.

Samuel G. Hayter, Bloomfield, 1897.  
 William C. Smith, Plainfield, 1898.  
 George Barrett, Camden, 1899.  
 E. V. Richards,<sup>2</sup> 1900. (See Florida.)  
 John Lawrence,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.  
 Stephen M. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 James M. Atwood, Wellfleet, Mass., 1904.  
 Charles Currie,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Alfred Atkins,<sup>1,4</sup> Roselle Park, 1906.  
 Arthur W. Trench, Maplewood, 1907.  
 John Foran,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James F. Connelly,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 James Inglis, jr.,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Adrian S. Appleget, Trenton, 1911.  
 Terrence J. McDonald,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 John W. Bodine,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 Forman J. Reynolds,<sup>2</sup> 1914 (died in office).  
 Samuel J. Garretson, Perth Amboy, 1914.  
 William F. Washington,<sup>2</sup> 1915.  
 William O. Allen, Newark, 1916.  
 Walter S. Tully, Roselle Park, 1917.

## NEW MEXICO (32).

[Organized July 14, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 95; posts. 8.]

Department commander	-----	John W. Terry <sup>1</sup>	-----	Socorro.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Samuel W. Sherfey	-----	Las Cruces.
Junior vice department commander	-----	O. L. Gregory	-----	East Las Vegas.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	John Greenwald <sup>1</sup>	-----	Socorro.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

S. K. Sydes, Las Vegas.

## ALTERNATE.

Daniel Risdon, Raton.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Atkinson,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Edward W. Wynkoop,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 J. J. Fitzgerald,<sup>3</sup> 1885.  
 E. S. Stover, Albuquerque, 1886.  
 John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.  
 Francis Downs,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 John H. Mills,<sup>2</sup> 1889 (died in office).  
 Lee H. Rudisille,<sup>1</sup> White Oaks, 1890.  
 A. M. Whitcomb,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Albert J. Fountain,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 S. W. Dorsey,<sup>4</sup> 1892.  
 W. H. Whiteman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 George W. Knaebel,<sup>4</sup> 1894.  
 Thomas W. Collier,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John C. Bromagen,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Francis Downs,<sup>2</sup> 1897-98.  
 Leverett Clarke,<sup>2</sup> 1898.

George W. Knaebel,<sup>4</sup> 1899.  
 John R. McFie, Gallup, 1900-1901.  
 John W. Edwards,<sup>5</sup> 1902-3.  
 Theo. W. Heman,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Jacob Weltmer,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 W. B. Brunton, East Las Vegas, 1906.  
 W. W. McDonald,<sup>1</sup> Albuquerque, 1907.  
 John P. Victory,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 John W. Long,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 H. B. Steward,<sup>1</sup> Albuquerque, 1910.  
 A. D. Higgins, East Las Vegas, 1911.  
 John G. Caldwell,<sup>1</sup> Albuquerque, 1912.  
 D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.  
 John A. Ross, East Las Vegas, 1914.  
 Z. H. Bliss,<sup>1</sup> Albuquerque, 1915.  
 F. E. Olney,<sup>6</sup> East Las Vegas, 1916.  
 Jefferson Reynolds, Las Vegas, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from order.<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Edwards. See California and Nevada.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Olney, national council of administration.



## NEW YORK (5).

[Organized Apr. 3, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 12,416; posts, 501.]

Department commander -----	Lewis S. Pilcher <sup>1</sup> -----	Brooklyn.
Senior vice department commander -----	H. Stewart Warner -----	Fayetteville.
Junior vice department commander -----	Geo. W. Flynn -----	Buffalo.
Assistant adjutant general -----	W. C. Peckham <sup>1</sup> -----	Albany.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

James R. Silliman,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 John Tregaskis, New York.  
 Wallace Riley,<sup>1</sup> Lockport.  
 George Barden, Penn Yan.  
 William P. Griffith,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Charles L. Wallace, Elmira.  
 J. Wetherell,<sup>1</sup> Santa Barbara, Cal.  
 Philip M. Wales,<sup>1</sup> Troy.  
 George H. Sears,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 E. M. Chamberlain,<sup>1</sup> Albany.  
 Thomas Bergen,<sup>1</sup> Hartsdale.  
 Fred J. Weber,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Richard McCarthy,<sup>1</sup> Dash Point, Wash.  
 Joel Burdick,<sup>1</sup> Portville.  
 Alexander Parsons, Lawyersville.  
 George Wander, Buffalo.  
 Daniel H. Cole,<sup>1</sup> Gloversville.  
 Frank M. Fisher,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Ira D. Rowley, Silver Creek.  
 Nelson Simmons,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Henry J. Knapp, Fayetteville.  
 Theodore P. Kellogg,<sup>1</sup> Interlaken.  
 John K. Chapman, Hornell.  
 F. J. Turner, Fair Haven.  
 Louis N. Aarons,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 Clinton Beckwith, Herkimer.  
 E. H. Sentell, Sodus Point.  
 Lewis Hunt,<sup>1</sup> Schaghticoke.  
 B. Franklin Raze,<sup>1</sup> Camillus.  
 John M. Nagel, New York City.  
 Robert H. Longstreet,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 William G. Brady,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Jacob Knobloch, Port Richmond.  
 M. V. B. Ives, Potsdam.  
 A. E. Dick, New York.  
 Joseph Benzino,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 Newell C. Fulton,<sup>1</sup> Rochester.  
 Theo. Cocheu,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 George Blair,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 James L. Lyons,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 John H. Stevens, Geneva.  
 Henry A. Kraus, New York.

## ALTERNATES.

Calvin A. Brainard,<sup>1</sup> Buffalo.  
 C. J. Kellogg, Troy.  
 Caius A. Weaver,<sup>1</sup> Syracuse.  
 Chauncey Quintard, New York.  
 Jerome Treman,<sup>1</sup> Rochester.  
 James LaFlamboy,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Francis A. Brown,<sup>1</sup> Lockport.  
 William B. Price,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn.  
 John Treman, Oxford.  
 Chas. D. Emery, Hornell.  
 C. J. Westcott, Oneonta.  
 George W. Holsledge, Catskill.  
 H. W. Valentine,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 Edward J. Hoffman, Brooklyn.  
 Edward A. Burgoyne, New York.  
 Andrew Boyd, New York.  
 Geo. Lowenthal, Rochester.  
 James Campbell, New York.  
 Thomas H. Kiernan, Brooklyn.  
 Fred L. Farley,<sup>1</sup> Jamestown.  
 Edward P. Burnham, Delmar.  
 George Humphreys, Gasport.  
 P. J. Sheridan, Rochester.  
 William Luff, Lockport.  
 John L. Hall, East Syracuse.  
 Rozel Sager, Bath.  
 L. A. Greenleaf, Watertown.  
 D. F. McOmber, Holley.  
 Edward M. Griffiths, New York.  
 George S. Parsons, Gouverneur.  
 George B. Herrick, Whitesville.  
 Miles O'Reilly, Brooklyn.  
 Frank Johnson, Ogdensburg.  
 J. W. Nye, Wilmington.  
 Heman P. Smith, Brooklyn.  
 Henry G. Fritsch, Yonkers.  
 Chas. Weyler, Buffalo.  
 John L. Abeling, Amsterdam.  
 C. B. Sturdevant, Hamburg.  
 W. H. Martin, Cooperstown.  
 Henry C. Draper, Brooklyn.  
 Henry Lilly,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 James A. McCafferty,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 F. M. Ball,<sup>1</sup> New York.  
 James Walker,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.  
 George Brengel,<sup>1</sup> Sea Cliff, Long Island.  
 George B. Fairhead,<sup>1</sup> Ilion.  
 Lafayette Crum,<sup>1</sup> Ithaca.  
 U. P. Eshelman,<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn.

## NEW YORK—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James B. McKean, <sup>2</sup> 1866-67.	John C. Shotts, Yonkers, 1894.
Daniel E. Sickles, <sup>2</sup> 1868.	Edward J. Atkinson, New York, 1895.
Edward B. Lansing, <sup>2</sup> 1869.	James S. Graham, Oxford, 1896.
John C. Robinson, <sup>2</sup> 1870.	Albert D. Shaw, <sup>2</sup> 1897.
Henry A. Barnum, <sup>2</sup> 1871-72.	Anson S. Wood, <sup>2</sup> 1898.
Stephen P. Corliss, <sup>2</sup> 1873-74.	Joseph W. Kay, Brooklyn, 1899.
John Palmer, <sup>2</sup> 1875.	Nathan P. Pond, Rochester, 1900.
James Tanner, <sup>1,2</sup> Washington, D. C., 1876-77.	Charles A. Orr, Buffalo, 1901.
William F. Rogers, <sup>2</sup> 1878.	Allan C. Bakewell, New York, 1902.
James McQuade, <sup>2</sup> 1879.	John S. Koster, Port Leyden, 1903.
L. Coe Young, <sup>2</sup> 1880.	Henry N. Burhans, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
Abram Merritt, <sup>2</sup> 1881.	James N. Snyder, Troy, 1905.
James S. Fraser, <sup>2</sup> 1882.	John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.
John A. Reynolds, Fairport, 1883.	Harlan J. Swift, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
Ira M. Hedges, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	William H. Daniels, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
H. Clay Hall, <sup>2</sup> 1885.	M. J. Cummings, <sup>2</sup> 1909.
Joseph I. Sayles, <sup>2</sup> 1886.	DeWitt C. Hurd, Utica, 1910.
George H. Treadwell, <sup>2</sup> 1887.	George B. Loud, <sup>1</sup> New York, 1911.
N. Martin Curtis, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	Oscar Smith, Albany, 1912.
Harrison Clark, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester, 1913.
Floyd Clarkson, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	James D. Bell, <sup>1</sup> Brooklyn, 1914.
Charles H. Freeman, Corning, 1891.	Zan L. Tidball, Bath, 1915.
Theodore L. Poole, <sup>2</sup> 1892.	Solomon W. Russell, <sup>2</sup> 1916.
Joseph P. Cleary, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	Wm. F. Kirchner, <sup>1</sup> New York, 1917.

De Alva S. Alexander, Buffalo, 1884, transferred from Potomac.

W. L. Palmer, 1899,<sup>2</sup> transferred from South Dakota.

John C. Gipson,<sup>1,4</sup> San Diego, Cal., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Tanner, past commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gipson. See California and Nevada, and North Dakota.

## NORTH DAKOTA (43).

[Organized Apr. 23, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 196; posts, 22.]

Department commander	John W. Carroll <sup>1</sup>	Lisbon.
Senior vice department commander	David B. McLain	Jamestown.
Junior vice department commander	O. A. Potter <sup>1</sup>	Granville.
Assistant adjutant general	S. J. Hill	Fargo.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

James McCormick,<sup>1</sup> Devils Lake.  
F. A. Wardwell,<sup>1</sup> Pembina.

## ALTERNATES.

O. A. Potter, Granville.  
Robert Kee, Sanborn.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Harrison Allen, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	H. J. Rowe, <sup>1</sup> Casselton, 1903.
George B. Winship, <sup>1</sup> San Diego, Cal., 1890.	Daniel F. Siegfried, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
William A. Bentley, <sup>3</sup> 1891.	Joseph Hare, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
S. G. Roberts, El Cajon, Cal., 1892.	B. F. Bigelow, <sup>1</sup> Jamestown, 1906.
John D. Black, Valley City, 1893.	S. J. Hill, <sup>4</sup> Fargo, 1907.
J. M. O'Neale, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	J. L. Richmond, Minnewaukon, 1908.
A. P. Rounseville, Lemon City, Fla., 1895.	Halsey S. Curry, <sup>2</sup> 1909.
William H. Brown, <sup>2</sup> 1896.	Albert Roberts, <sup>1</sup> Devils Lake, 1910.
E. C. Geary, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	James H. Mathews, <sup>2</sup> 1911.
Edwin Southard, <sup>2</sup> 1898.	George W. Kurtz, Jamestown, 1912.
William Ackerman, <sup>2</sup> 1899.	George B. Vallandigham, Los Angeles, Cal., 1913.
Freeman Orcutt, <sup>2</sup> 1900.	Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.
D. G. Duell, <sup>1</sup> Devils Lake, 1901.	J. L. Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1915.
John C. Gipson, <sup>1,4</sup> 1902.	Henry Beal, <sup>1</sup> Valley City, 1916.
	Christian J. Schmitt, <sup>1</sup> Jamestown, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Bentley. See California and Nevada.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Gipson. See Oklahoma, New York, California and Nevada.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Hill, assistant adjutant general.

## OHIO (4)

[Organized Jan. 30, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 12,456; posts, 478.]

Department commander	Dan M. Hall <sup>1</sup>	Columbus.
Senior vice department commander	J. W. Myers	Hamilton.
Junior vice department commander	S. A. West	Milford.
Assistant adjutant general	W. S. Matthews <sup>1</sup>	Columbus.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

G. M. Saltzgaber,<sup>1</sup> Washington, D. C.  
D. R. Herrick, Cincinnati.  
Wm. A Richards,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati  
Adam Bridge,<sup>1</sup> Franklin.  
E. H. Ratney,<sup>1</sup> Sardinia.  
I. F. Wheatley,<sup>1</sup> St. John.  
Wm. F Brandt,<sup>1</sup> Dayton  
W. C. Bostwick,<sup>1</sup> Mount Sterling.  
A. S. Rupel,<sup>1</sup> Chillicothe.  
Wm. Clouse, Ironton  
Fred Klages, Patriot.  
Clark Bundy<sup>1</sup> Chesterhill.  
S. H. Rogers,<sup>1</sup> Sandusky.  
Marion Hopkins,<sup>1</sup> Marysville.  
Lewis L. Speagh, Troy.  
W. D. Heffner, Lima.  
John Q. Blair, Bryan.  
Sol. Zarbaugh, Hot Springs, S. Dak.  
Peter Winters,<sup>1</sup> Fremont.  
T. D. Riddle,<sup>1</sup> Iberia.  
T. B. Tucker,<sup>1</sup> Toledo.  
C. D. Morey,<sup>1</sup> Brandon.  
J. C. Milligan,<sup>1</sup> Coshocton.  
J. C. Glover, Cadiz.  
Jason Neville,<sup>1</sup> East Liverpool.  
W. E. Sprague,<sup>1</sup> Youngstown.  
D. B. Turnipseed, Alliance.  
J. A. Kaley, Elyria.  
W. H. Halliday,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
J. L. Overholt,<sup>1</sup> Akron  
Moses Owen, Cleveland  
T. Spencer Knight,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
C. H. Horton, Painesville.  
Wm. M. Hahn, Mansfield.  
T. T. Smith,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
J. C. Roland,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
S. G. Harvey, Toledo.  
James C. Walker, Springfield.  
L. H. Derby,<sup>1</sup> Norwalk.  
S. E. Wise,<sup>1</sup> Akron.  
A. C. Stone,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington  
J. W. Cassell, Cincinnati.  
George Wheaton,<sup>1</sup> Portland, Oreg.

## ALTERNATES.

James H. Herring, Mansfield.  
D. J. Jones, Cincinnati.  
William McCready,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati.  
William Beaton, Oxford.  
M. Nichols, Celina.  
Gustavus Smith, National Military Home.  
T. J. Miranda,<sup>1</sup> New Carlisle.  
W. W. McDonald, Logan.  
A. B. McBride,<sup>1</sup> Rarden  
E. Johnson,<sup>1</sup> Nelsonville.  
H. A. Leslie,<sup>1</sup> Zanesville.  
Frank Turner,<sup>1</sup> Peoria.  
J. P. Neer, Urbana.  
John McBride, Columbus Grove.  
Simeon Gillis, Bryan.  
George W. Norris,<sup>1</sup> Findlay.  
Howard Carman,<sup>1</sup> Prairie Depot.  
Elijah Neidel,<sup>1</sup> Fostoria.  
Charles C. Poole, Toledo.  
David W. Wood, Mount Vernon.  
James M. Scott,<sup>1</sup> Coshocton.  
A. Haas, Bellaire.  
A. C. Blackburn, Steubenville.  
Charles Starr, Newton Falls.  
Frank Schlitz,<sup>1</sup> North Canton.  
G. C. McConnell, Sullivan.  
John Sadler,<sup>1</sup> Columbus.  
Asa Whitestone, Akron.  
Harry Lance,<sup>1</sup> Cleveland.  
F. D. Held, Cleveland.  
Mathew Dickey, West Mentor.  
A. M. Woolson, Toledo.  
J. M. Anderson,<sup>1</sup> Uhrichsville.  
George W. Harding, Carrollton.  
George B. Christian, Marion.  
H. M. Stokes, Cleveland.  
A. D. Sheidler,<sup>1</sup> Tiffin.  
E. H. Turner,<sup>1</sup> Youngstown.  
H. W. Bass, Akron.  
William P. Corlett, Toledo.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

B. F. Potts,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
Thomas L. Young,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
J. Warren Keifer,<sup>3</sup> Springfield, 1868-1870.  
William C. Bunts,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
G. M. Barber,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
Alvin C. Voris,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
William Earnshaw,<sup>2</sup> 1876-77.  
Nathan L. Guthrie,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
James H. Seymour,<sup>2</sup> 1878.

James H. Steedman,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
David W. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
John S. Kountz,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
Charles T. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
H. P. Lloyd,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
R. B. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
Arthur L. Conger,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
D. C. Putnam,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
Joseph W. O'Neill, Lebanon, 1888.  
S. H. Hurst,<sup>2</sup> 1889.

## OHIO—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

P. H. Dowling,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891  
 Isaac F. Mack,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 L. H. Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 E. E. Nutt,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Charles Townsend,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 E. L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain, 1896.  
 Henry Kissinger,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 David F. Pugh, Columbus, 1898.  
 Thomas R. Shinn,<sup>1</sup> Ashland, 1899.  
 Elias R. Monfort,<sup>1</sup> Cincinnati, 1900.  
 Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, 1901.  
 Walton Weber, Columbus, 1902.  
 Arthur C. Yengling, Salem, 1903.  
 B. M. Moulton,<sup>2</sup> 1904.

Amos Huffman,<sup>1</sup> Wilmington, 1905.  
 George A. Harmon, Lancaster, 1906.  
 W. S. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 John H. Sharer,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 George Hall, Lima, 1909.  
 Charles H. Newton, Marietta, 1909.  
 Henry A. Axline,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 J. F. Johnston,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912.  
 W. R. Warnock,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 J. Kent Hamilton,<sup>5</sup> Toledo, 1914.  
 Seeley P. Mount, Cleveland, 1915.  
 W. H. Surles, East Liverpool, 1916.  
 W. A. Pittenger, Dennison, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Keifer, past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Monfort, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Hamilton, past senior vice commander in chief.

## OKLAHOMA (44).

[Organized Aug. 7, 1890. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,054; posts, 50. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908.]

Department commander	-----F. E. Hills <sup>1</sup> -----	Enid.
Senior vice department commander	-----Charles M. Rawlings <sup>3</sup> -----	Bartlesville.
Junior vice department commander	-----Frank C. Brown <sup>1</sup> -----	Shawnee.
Assistant adjutant general	-----I. W. Scherich <sup>1</sup> -----	Enid.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

L. Obreiter,<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma City.  
 A. M. Huff, Lawton.  
 J. H. Norton, Oklahoma City.  
 W. S. Tilton,<sup>1</sup> Anadarko.  
 F. C. Cline,<sup>1</sup> Woodward.

## ALTERNATES.

E. H. Furrow, Guthrie.  
 J. R. Dennie, Oklahoma City.  
 John Oliphant,<sup>1</sup> Tulsa.  
 I. Cutright,<sup>1</sup> Yukon.  
 J. W. Duck, Perkins.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

C. M. Barnes,<sup>4</sup> Guthrie, 1890.  
 G. M. Coulton,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 D. F. Wyatt,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 T. H. Soward,<sup>5</sup> Guthrie, 1893.  
 J. P. Cummings,<sup>2</sup> 1894 (transferred to California and Nevada).  
 H. G. Trosper,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 W. H. Cater,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 C. R. Young, Guthrie, 1897.  
 G. D. Munger,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 J. J. S. Hassler<sup>2</sup> (died in office), 1899.  
 I. W. Rush,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 M. L. Mock,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 James E. Burns,<sup>6</sup> 1901.  
 Wesley Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 Cyrus P. Green, Alva, 1903.

S. P. Strahan, Perry, 1904.  
 G. M. Parks,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
 Peter A. Becker, Jefferson, 1906.  
 W. H. Hornaday, Guthrie, 1907.  
 H. Veatch,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 William Higgins, Bartlesville, 1909.  
 B. N. Turk,<sup>1</sup> Enid, 1910.  
 Wilberforce Jones,<sup>4</sup> 1911.  
 W. R. Kelley, Kingfisher, 1912.  
 L. C. Coffin,<sup>1</sup> Elgin, 1913.  
 George W. Billings<sup>2</sup> (died in office), 1914.  
 George W. Fletcher, Dover, 1914.  
 A. A. Beasler,<sup>1</sup> Chandler, 1915.  
 Albert Reeves,<sup>1</sup> Tulsa, 1916.  
 J. C. White,<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma City, 1917.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY, BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908.

E. Calkins,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 B. F. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.  
 Savelon Boyles,<sup>2</sup> 1894.

J. L. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 William H. Harrison,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.  
 David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.

## OKLAHOMA—Continued.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY, BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908—continued.

Gideon S. White,<sup>1</sup> 1899.  
 John S. Hammer,<sup>2</sup> 1900-02.  
 J. A. Rose,<sup>4</sup> 1903.  
 Robert Ross,<sup>2</sup> 1904.

Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.  
 J. F. Ayres,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 A. G. Krutchmer,<sup>2</sup> 1907.

D. W. Eastman,<sup>2</sup> 1898, transferred from Kansas.  
 John C. Gipson,<sup>1,7</sup> 1902, transferred from North Dakota. See New York.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Rawlings, national council of administration.<sup>4</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Soward, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Burns. See California and Nevada.<sup>7</sup> Comrade Gipson. See New York and California and Nevada.

## OREGON (26).

[Organized Sept. 28, 1882. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,721; posts, 62.]

Department commander	-----T. H. Stevens <sup>1</sup> -----	Portland.
Senior vice department commander	-----E. F. Sox <sup>1</sup> -----	Albany.
Junior vice department commander	-----A. C. Spencer <sup>1</sup> -----	Ashland.
Assistant adjutant general	-----C. A. Williams <sup>1</sup> -----	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Daniel Webster,<sup>1</sup> Salem.  
 West Newton,<sup>1</sup> Corvallis.  
 G. W. Cruson,<sup>1</sup> Lebanon.  
 C. E. Cline,<sup>1</sup> Portland.  
 R. C. Markee,<sup>1</sup> Roseburg.  
 S. P. Hutchinson,<sup>1</sup> Pendleton.  
 T. N. Plank,<sup>1</sup> Eugene.

## ALTERNATES.

H. S. Lillagar, Portland.  
 E. K. Hall, Ashland.  
 R. N. Abbott, Astoria.  
 J. C. Fullerton, Roseburg.  
 J. M. Shelley, Eugene.  
 H. S. Clyde, Oregon City.  
 J. T. Patriquen, Sheridan.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

N. S. Pierce,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 G. E. Caulkin,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 F. J. Babcock,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 F. H. Lamb,<sup>1</sup> San Francisco, Cal.,  
 1885-86.  
 M. L. Olmstead, San Diego, Cal.,  
 1887.  
 A. E. Borthwick,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 E. B. McElroy,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 James A. Varney,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Owen Summers,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 H. H. Northup,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1892.  
 J. C. Cooper,<sup>1</sup> McMinnville, 1893.  
 S. B. Ormsby,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 E. W. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 D. C. Sherman, Washington, D. C.,  
 1896.  
 Frank Reisner,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 C. P. Holloway,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1898.

H. V. Gates,<sup>1</sup> Hillsboro, 1899.  
 A. J. Goodbrod,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 J. A. Sladen,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 M. L. Pratt,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1902.  
 D. H. Turner,<sup>1</sup> McMinnville, 1903.  
 B. F. Pike,<sup>1</sup> Newberg, 1904.  
 T. E. Hills,<sup>1</sup> Garden Home, 1905.  
 Hamer Sutcliffe,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 S. F. Blythe,<sup>1</sup> Hood River, 1907.  
 J. T. Apperson,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 James P. Shaw,<sup>1</sup> Milwaukie, 1909.  
 W. J. R. Beach,<sup>1</sup> Forest Grove, 1910.  
 Newton Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 Thomas B. McDevitt,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1912.  
 S. W. Taylor,<sup>1</sup> Eugene, 1913.  
 H. S. Fargo,<sup>2</sup> 1914.  
 George A. Harding,<sup>1</sup> Oregon City, 1915.  
 J. E. Hall,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1916.  
 J. G. Chambers,<sup>1</sup> Portland, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

## PENNSYLVANIA (3).

[Organized Jan. 16, 1867. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 12,670; posts, 471.]

Department commander	-----J. D. Hicks-----	Altoona.
Senior vice department commander	-----W. M. Heddens-----	Danville.
Junior vice department commander	-----Giles Ross-----	Wilkes-Barre.
Assistant adjutant general	-----Samuel P. Town <sup>1</sup> -----	Philadelphia.



## PENNSYLVANIA—Continued.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

C. C. Arensburg, Pittsburgh.  
 George W. Rhoads,<sup>1</sup> Harrisburg.  
 W. F. Hambright,<sup>1</sup> Lancaster.  
 J. I. Shoemaker, Wyoming.  
 J. H. Horrocks,<sup>1</sup> Johnstown.  
 W. S. Burnwood,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 J. L. Smith, Philadelphia.  
 H. H. Spayd,<sup>1</sup> Minersville.  
 C. W. Hoffman,<sup>1</sup> Latrobe.  
 C. R. Lantz, Lebanon.  
 C. H. W. Ruhe,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 Harry White,<sup>1</sup> Indiana.  
 Ephraim Black,<sup>1</sup> Franklin.  
 W. J. Fries,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 J. W. Kauffman,<sup>1</sup> Huntingdon.  
 J. E. Frymier,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 J. M. Marshall,<sup>1</sup> Indiana.  
 Charles Marshall,<sup>1</sup> Collingdale.  
 Nathan Tanner, Landsford.  
 A. I. Ellis, Uniontown.  
 W. J. Day,<sup>1</sup> Washington.  
 B. J. Coll,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 Daniel Donne,<sup>1</sup> Pottsville.  
 John C. Grissim,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 John Hennig,<sup>1</sup> Hatboro.  
 R. H. Holgate, Factoryville.  
 J. M. Mishler, Columbia.  
 Andrew Burns, Pittsburgh.  
 J. W. Byland,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 Samuel C. Coleman,<sup>1</sup> Norwood.  
 Samuel Dell,<sup>1</sup> Lewistown.  
 W. J. Giles,<sup>1</sup> McKeesport.  
 J. H. Minds,<sup>1</sup> Houtsdale.  
 J. H. Fulmer,<sup>1</sup> Oil City.  
 A. Y. Knisely,<sup>1</sup> Steelton.  
 W. A. Moudy,<sup>1</sup> Carlisle.  
 J. M. Reed,<sup>1</sup> Greensburg.  
 James D. Walker,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 Thomas Wardrop,<sup>1</sup> Mount Carmel.  
 Alfred Stanger,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 O. L. Roushey,<sup>1</sup> Dallas.  
 B. F. Hookey, Safe Harbor.  
 Adam Seid,<sup>1</sup> Northumberland.

## ALTERNATES.

A. J. Bower,<sup>1</sup> Uniontown.  
 John L. Ott,<sup>1</sup> Cynwyd.  
 Samuel McElroy,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 H. C. Schenck,<sup>1</sup> Lancaster.  
 H. Hinkle, Hatboro.  
 Joseph B. Simpson, Easton.  
 Thomas Washrub.  
 John Langham,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 Joseph Rephun,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia.  
 Samuel E. Gill,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 John Little,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.  
 William Sloan,<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Louis Wagner,<sup>2</sup> 1866-67.  
 A. L. Pearson,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 O. C. Bosbyshell, Philadelphia, 1869.  
 Howard J. Reeder,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Frank Reeder,<sup>2</sup> 1872.  
 Robert B. Beath,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 A. Wilson Norris,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 W. W. Tyson,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 James W. Latta, Philadelphia, 1876.  
 Samuel I. Givin,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 Charles T. Hull,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 George L. Brown,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Chill W. Hazzard,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 John Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 John M. Vanderslice,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 E. S. Osborne,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Frederick H. Dyer, Des Moines, Ia.,  
 1884.

F. Austin Curtin,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 J. P. S. Gobin,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Samuel Harper,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 Frank J. Magee,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Thomas J. Stewart,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Joseph F. Denniston,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 George B. Boyer,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 John P. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Thomas G. Sample,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 William Emsley,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 H. H. Cumings,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Alfred Darte,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 William D. Stauffer, Lancaster, 1897.  
 Wm. J. Patterson,<sup>1,2</sup> Pittsburgh, 1898.  
 James F. Morrison,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Charles Miller, Franklin, 1900.  
 Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, 1901.  
 R. P. Scott, Butler, 1902.



## PENNSYLVANIA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

Edwin Walton,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 John McNevin,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 J. Andrew Wilt,<sup>1,4</sup> Towanda, 1905.  
 M. A. Gherst,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 William T. Powell, Pittsburgh, 1907.  
 P. DeLacy,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Thad. M. Mahon,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 L. W. Moore,<sup>2</sup> 1910.

N. P. Kingsley,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
 Thomas H. Cole, Erie, 1912.  
 William J. Wells,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
 John A. Fairman, Pittsburgh 1914.  
 C. C. Gramlich,<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia, 1915.  
 L. F. Arensburg,<sup>1</sup> East Millsboro, 1916.  
 Noah Dietrich, Easton, 1917.

James E. Porter, Pittsburgh, 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

James M. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Patterson, past commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Wilt, national council of administration.

## POTOMAC (14).

[Organized Feb. 13, 1869. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 963; posts, 12.]

Department commander	-----	Samuel G. Mawson <sup>1</sup>	Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander	-----	H. B. Snyder	Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander	-----	R. B. Harlow	Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	O. H. Oldroyd <sup>1</sup>	Washington, D. C.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

E. D. Godfrey, Washington.  
 J. Tyler Powell, Washington.  
 George Smith, Washington.  
 Henry W. Foster,<sup>1</sup> Washington.

## ALTERNATES.

Alexander Oglesby, Washington.  
 Eugene Weaver, Washington.  
 Lucien Heost, Washington.  
 R. B. Harlow, Washington.  
 George Newton,<sup>1</sup> Washington.  
 I. D. Williamson,<sup>1</sup> Washington.  
 John Middleton,<sup>1</sup> Washington.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Samuel A. Duncan,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Timothy Luby,<sup>2</sup> 1870-72.  
 Frank H. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1873-74.  
 Benjamin F. Hawkes,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 A. H. G. Richardson, Washington, 1877.  
 Geo. E. Corson, Washington, 1878.  
 Harrison Dingman,<sup>2</sup> Washington, 1879.  
 Chas. C. Royce,<sup>4</sup> Washington, 1880.  
 William Gibson,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Samuel S. Burdett,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 D. S. Alexander,<sup>5</sup> 1884 (see New York).  
 Newton M. Brooks, Washington, 1885.  
 Jerome B. Burke, Washington, 1886-87.  
 Charles P. Lincoln,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 William S. Odell, Washington, 1889.  
 M. Emmett Urell,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 J. M. Pipes, Washington, 1891.  
 A. F. Dinsmore, Washington, 1892.  
 S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893.  
 Nathan Bickford, Washington, 1894.  
 Marion T. Anderson,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John McElroy,<sup>1,6</sup> Washington, 1896.

Thomas S. Hopkins, Washington, 1897.  
 Arthur Hendricks,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Calvin Farnsworth, Washington, 1899.  
 George H. Slaybaugh,<sup>1,7</sup> Washington, 1900.  
 Israel W. Stone,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 B. F. Bingham, Washington, 1902.  
 I. G. Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Abram Hart,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 A. P. Tasker, Washington, 1905.  
 B. P. Entrikin, Washington, 1906.  
 Newton Ferree, Washington, 1907.  
 John S. Walker,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Edwin H. Holbrook,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Henry A. Johnson, Washington, 1910.  
 George C. Ross, Washington, 1911.  
 J. D. Bloodgood,<sup>2</sup> 1912.  
 Thomas H. McKee, Washington, 1913.  
 J. K. Gleason, Washington, 1914.  
 L. H. Patterson, Washington, 1915.  
 A. H. Huntoon, Washington, 1916.  
 A. H. Frear, Washington, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Comrade Dingman, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>4</sup> Comrade Royce, past junior vice commander in chief.

<sup>5</sup> Comrade Alexander. See New York.

<sup>6</sup> Comrade McElroy, past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>7</sup> Comrade Slaybaugh, past senior vice commander in chief.

## RHODE ISLAND (11).

[Organized Mar. 24, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 796; posts, 21.]

Department commander -----Murdock C. McKenzie---Providence.  
 Senior vice department commander---Fred A. Burt-----Greenwood.  
 Junior vice department commander---William Massey -----Pawtucket.  
 Assistant adjutant general-----Henry J. Pickersgill--- East Providence.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles A. Staples, Cranston.  
 Henry E. Pickering,<sup>1</sup> Woonsocket.  
 Edward E. Darling, Providence.  
 Robert G. McKay,<sup>1</sup> Providence.

## ALTERNATES.

John M. Burdick,<sup>1</sup> Riverpoint.  
 Charles H. Colburn, Providence.  
 Charles R. Cruger, Providence.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Ambrose E. Burnside,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 Horatio Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1869.  
 Charles R. Brayton,<sup>2</sup> 1870-71.  
 Elisha H. Rhodes,<sup>2</sup> 1872-73.  
 Edwin Metcalf,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 Edwin C. Pomroy,<sup>2</sup> 1875.  
 Charles H. Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Henry J. Spooner,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 Fred A. Arnold, Providence, 1878.  
 Henry R. Barker,<sup>2</sup> 1879.  
 Charles C. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 William H. P. Steere,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 Henry F. Jenks,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Philip S. Chase,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 Andrew K. McMahon, Newport, 1884.  
 Eugene A. Cory,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Theodore A. Barton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Benjamin L. Hall, Bristol, 1887.  
 Gideon Spencer,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 Alonzo Williams,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 Benjamin F. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 Benjamin H. Child,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 David S. Ray,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 George T. Cranston,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Charles H. Baker,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 Daniel R. Ballou, Providence, 1895.

William E. Stone,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 Livingston Scott,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 Sam'l W. K. Allen, East Greenwich,  
 1898.  
 Charles O. Ballou,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 Walter A. Reed, Providence, 1900.  
 Charles P. Moies,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 George H. Chenery,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 James S. Hulson,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 Joseph Woolley,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Ezra K. Parker, Providence, 1905.  
 George L. Greene,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Edward Wilcox,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 William O. Milne,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Francello G. Jillson,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 Charles H. Ewer,<sup>2</sup> 1910.  
 Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.  
 Thomas M. Holden, Riverpoint, 1912.  
 George H. Cheek, Pawtucket, 1913.  
 Gilbert Wilson, Providence, 1914.  
 Henry J. Pickersgill,<sup>3</sup> East Providence, 1915.  
 Joseph Gough, Olneyville, 1916.  
 Augustine A. Mann, Central Falls,  
 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Pickersgill, assistant adjutant general.

## SOUTH DAKOTA (29).

[Organized Mar. 20, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 708; posts, 55.]

Department commander -----James S. Sebree<sup>1</sup>-----Pierre.  
 Senior vice department commander---E. L. Groves-----Hot Springs.  
 Junior vice department commander---Byron S. Payne-----Vermillion.  
 Assistant adjutant general-----Albert Wheelon-----Pierre.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

T. G. Orr, Hot Springs.  
 J. L. Turner,<sup>1</sup> Springfield.  
 Albert Winnegar,<sup>1</sup> Brookings.

## ALTERNATES.

A. L. Van Osdel,<sup>1</sup> Mission Hill.  
 I. L. Bates, Groton.  
 Joe Smith, Aberdeen.

## SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas S. Free,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 W. V. Lucas,<sup>3</sup> 1885-86.  
 Harrison Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 S. F. Hammond,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 George A. Silsby,<sup>2</sup> 1889,  
 E. T. Langley,<sup>1,4</sup> 1890.  
 C. S. Palmer,<sup>5</sup> 1891.  
 J. B. Holt,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 N. C. Nash,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 George W. Carpenter,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
 S. R. Drake,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 John Ackley,<sup>2</sup> 1896 (died in office).  
 John F. Baker, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1896.  
 C. B. Clark,<sup>1</sup> Hot Springs, 1897.  
 E. P. Farr,<sup>1</sup> Hot Springs, 1898.  
 W. L. Palmer<sup>2</sup> (transferred to New York), 1899.  
 Philip Lawrence,<sup>1</sup> Huron, 1900.  
 George W. Snow,<sup>1</sup> Springfield, 1901.

Thomas E. Blanchard,<sup>1,6</sup> 1902.  
 Thomas Reed, Arlington, 1903.  
 H. P. Packard, Redfield, 1904.  
 J. B. Wolgemuth,<sup>2</sup> 1905 (see Montana).  
 N. I. Lothian,<sup>1</sup> Milbank, 1906.  
 T. C. De Jean,<sup>7</sup> Plankinton, 1907.  
 Warren G. Osborn, Zephyrhills, Fla., 1908.  
 Alexander S. Stewart,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
 N. H. Kingman,<sup>1</sup> Selby, 1910.  
 Thomas H. Brown,<sup>1,8</sup> Sioux Falls, 1911.  
 O. S. Gifford,<sup>2</sup> 1912 (died in office).  
 H. L. Ferry, Vermillion, 1912.  
 John L. Jolley, Vermillion, 1913.  
 C. A. B. Fox,<sup>1</sup> Sioux Falls, 1914.  
 Charles S. Blodgett,<sup>1</sup> Rapid City, 1915.  
 Walter H. Carr, Hurley, 1916.  
 J. C. Luce,<sup>1</sup> Groton, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Lucas. See California and Nevada.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Langley. See California and Nevada.<sup>5</sup> Comrade C. S. Palmer. See Vermont.<sup>6</sup> Comrade Blanchard. See California and Nevada.<sup>7</sup> Comrade De Jean, national council of administration.<sup>8</sup> Comrade Brown, inspector general.

## TENNESSEE (34).

[Organized Feb. 26, 1884. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 552; posts, 18.]

Department commander	W. F. Roberts	Memphis.
Senior vice department commander	F. M. Fessenden	Chattanooga.
Junior vice department commander	O. L. Thompson	Rockwood.
Assistant adjutant general	B. F. Bashor	Knoxville.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Theo. F. Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Thomas O'Connor, Memphis, Tenn.  
 J. C. Mordough,<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles, Cal.

## ALTERNATES.

G. M. Griff,<sup>1</sup> Memphis.  
 P. M. Keeble, Knoxville.  
 Joel I. Piott, Athens.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Edward S. Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1884-85.  
 E. E. Winters,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 William J. Ramage,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 William Rule,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 A. H. Pettibone, Greenville, 1889.  
 Charles F. Muller,<sup>3</sup> 1890.  
 A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891.  
 Henry C. Whittaker,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 Frank Seaman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 W. E. F. Milburn,<sup>3</sup> National Soldiers' Home, 1894.  
 William J. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 Halbert B. Case,<sup>2</sup> 1896-97.  
 Wm. N. Nelson, Backwoods, 1898.  
 Henry Crumbliss,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 S. T. Harris, Dandridge, 1900.  
 M. M. Harris,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 George W. Patten,<sup>2</sup> 1902-3.

Ben A. Hamilton,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Walton W. French, Chattanooga, 1905.  
 John T. Wilder,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
 Will A. McTeer, Maryville, 1907.  
 S. W. Tindell, National Soldiers' Home, 1908.  
 D. Minor Steward, Chattanooga, 1909.  
 Ignaz Fanz, Knoxville, 1910.  
 Charles H. Flournoy, Knoxville, 1911.  
 A. M. Gamble, Maryville, 1912.  
 W. D. Atchley, Sevierville, 1913.  
 A. P. Thompson,<sup>2</sup> 1914 (died in office).  
 F. M. Nicholas, Knoxville, 1914.  
 D. M. Underwood, Rockwood, 1915.  
 J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.  
 O. C. Kinley, National Soldiers' Home, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

## TEXAS (38).

[Organized Mar. 25, 1885. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 283; posts, 11.]

Department commander	-----	Anson Miller <sup>1</sup>	-----	Anahuac.
Senior vice department commander	-----	Dexter Wagner	-----	Denison.
Junior vice department commander	-----	Charles Sickles	-----	San Antonio.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	J. S. Dunlap	-----	Dallas.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

H. W. Nye,<sup>1</sup> Fort Worth.  
Nate Underwood, San Antonio.

## ALTERNATES.

S. E. Wortz, Denison.  
G. E. Allgaier, Fort Worth.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. D. Wylie,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
O. T. Lyon,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
W. H. Sinclair,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
J. C. De Gress,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
A. G. Malloy,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
A. K. Taylor,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
M. W. Mann,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
O. G. Peterson,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
John W. Park, Dallas, 1893.  
R. M. Moore,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
W. W. Bostwick, Longmont, Colo., 1895.  
G. W. McCormick,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston, 1897.  
W. F. Conner,<sup>2</sup> Dallas, 1898.  
John Roach,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
Charles B. Peck,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
P. B. Hunt,<sup>2</sup> 1901.

C. C. Haskell,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
John H. Bolton,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
John L. Boyd, Dallas, 1904.  
Elmore A. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1905.  
W. H. Harvey,<sup>2</sup> 1906.  
L. L. Whitaker,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
Thomas M. Wright,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
Calvin R. Hubbard,<sup>2</sup> 1909.  
J. S. Dunlap,<sup>4</sup> Dallas, 1910.  
W. O. Kretsinger,<sup>2</sup> 1911.  
E. P. Brown, Fort Worth, 1912.  
Sidney Tuttle,<sup>2</sup> 1913.  
Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.  
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, 1915.  
C. A. Cahoon, Temple, 1916.  
M. B. Young,<sup>1</sup> Weatherford, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Conner, past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Dunlap, assistant adjutant general.

## UTAH (33).

[Organized Oct. 8, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 212; posts, 5.]

Department commander	-----	J. C. A. Warfield	-----	Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander	-----	P. J. Goble	-----	Salt Lake City.
Junior vice department commander	-----	John N. Westen	-----	Ogden.
Assistant adjutant general	-----	C. W. A. Schnell	-----	Salt Lake City.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Joseph H. Newton,<sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City.  
Elias Price,<sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City.

## ALTERNATES.

H. W. Charter, Sandy.  
L. J. Whitney, Springville.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George C. Douglas,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
Ransford Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
Henry C. Wardleigh,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
Elijah Sells,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
Eli H. Murray,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
Nathan Kimball,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
Henry T. Snyder, National Soldiers'  
Home, California, 1889.  
Henry Page,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
Frank Hoffman,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
James R. Elliott,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
J. W. Greenman,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
Thomas C. Iliff,<sup>2</sup> 1894.  
Charles O. Farnsworth,<sup>2</sup> 1895.

M. M. Kellogg,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
Thomas C. Bailey,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
Norman H. Ives,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
Maurice M. Kaighn,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
Marshall A. Breeden,<sup>2</sup> 1900. (See California and Nevada.)  
Rudolph Alf,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
Wm. M. Bostaph,<sup>1,3</sup> Salt Lake City,  
1902.  
Frank H. Clark,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
Henry P. Burns,<sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City, 1904.  
E. T. Hulaniski, Ogden, 1905.  
B. M. Sperry, Salt Lake City, 1906.  
Alfred Kent,<sup>2</sup> 1907.

## UTAH—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

R. G. Sleater, <sup>2</sup> 1908.	Frank H. Hall, Salt Lake City, 1912.
Lucian L. Smyth, Salt Lake City, 1909.	Reuben Oehler, National Soldiers' Home, California, 1913.
Thomas Lundy, <sup>2</sup> 1910.	N. A. Heath, Ogden, 1914.
A. B. Lawrence, <sup>2</sup> 1911.	H. G. Rollins, Salt Lake City, 1915.
J. W. Brown, 1912 <sup>2</sup> (died in office).	N. D. Corser, <sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City, 1916-17.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Bostaph, past senior vice commander in chief.

## VERMONT (13).

[Organized Oct. 23, 1868. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 1,405; posts, 85.]

Department commander -----	C. T. S. Pierce <sup>1</sup> -----	Vergennes.
Senior vice department commander -----	John R. Wilson -----	Worcester.
Junior vice department commander -----	E. E. Pierce <sup>1</sup> -----	Springfield.
Assistant adjutant general -----	H. P. Hunter <sup>1</sup> -----	Brattleboro.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

C H. Cota, St. Albans.  
 J. D. Hanrahan,<sup>1</sup> Rutland.  
 J. H. Amidon,<sup>1</sup> North Hyde Park.  
 George B. Barnett, Bradford.  
 J. W. Averill, Barre.  
 E. N. Rising, Randolph.

## ALTERNATES.

C. H. Granger, Rutland.  
 W. L. Cady, Middlebury.  
 H. E. Stoughton, Burlington.  
 Sherrod Brown, Burlington.  
 A. C. Humphrey, Underhill.  
 F. H. Ketchum, Randolph.  
 A. M. Banks,<sup>1</sup> Bradford.  
 A. M. Whitelaw,<sup>1</sup> Wells River.  
 A. B. Stearns,<sup>1</sup> Woodsville, N. H.  
 Andrew Aitkin,<sup>1</sup> Wells River.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

George P. Foster, <sup>2</sup> 1868-69.	L. B. Harris, <sup>2</sup> 1898.
William W. Henry, <sup>2</sup> 1870-71.	F. G. Butterfield, <sup>2</sup> 1899.
Wheelock G. Veazey, <sup>2</sup> 1872-73.	U. A. Woodbury, <sup>2</sup> 1900.
Stephen Thomas, <sup>2</sup> 1874-75.	Joel H. Lucia, <sup>2</sup> 1901.
Theodore S. Peck, <sup>2</sup> 1876-1877.	R. E. Hathorn, <sup>2</sup> 1902.
J. H. Goulding, <sup>2</sup> 1878-79.	Frank Kenfield, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
George W. Hooker, <sup>2</sup> 1880-81.	James E. Eldridge, <sup>2</sup> 1904.
A. B. Valentine, <sup>2</sup> 1882-83.	Seymour H. Wood, St. Albans, 1905.
C. C. Kinsman, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	John A. Sheldon, <sup>2</sup> 1906.
W. L. Greenleaf, <sup>6</sup> 1885.	Andrew C. Brown, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
George T. Childs, <sup>2</sup> 1886.	Charles E. Beach, Burlington, 1908.
P. D. Blodgett, <sup>2</sup> 1887.	Alvin B. Franklin, Townshend, 1909.
Herbert E. Taylor, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center, 1910.
A. S. Tracy, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	Chester M. Ferrin, Essex Junction, 1911.
Z. M. Mansur, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	Albert A. Niles, Morrisville, 1912.
D. L. Morgan, Rutland, 1891.	Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.
Hugh Henry, Chester, 1892.	Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
George W. Doty, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	George P. Martin, Bennington, 1915.
Charles F. Branch, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	Henry C. Streeter, <sup>2</sup> 1916.
Barney Cannon, jr., <sup>2</sup> 1895.	C. T. S. Pierce, <sup>1,3</sup> Vergennes, 1917.
N. M. Puffer, <sup>2</sup> 1896.	
E. W. Jewett, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	
C. S. Palmer, Burlington, 1891, transferred from South Dakota.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Pierce, department commander.



## VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15).

[Organized July 27, 1871. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 303; posts, 25.]

Department commander -----Chas. H. Haber<sup>1</sup>-----Natl. Sold. Home, Va.  
 Senior vice department commander Charles Grandy-----Norfolk, Va.  
 Junior vice department commander Nelson Carney-----Portsmouth, Va.  
 Assistant adjutant general-----Geo. W. Burchfield<sup>1</sup>-----Natl. Sold. Home, Va.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

A. C. Newcomer, National Soldiers'  
 Home, Virginia.  
 Solomon Burden, Norfolk, Va.

## ALTERNATE.

H. W. House,<sup>1</sup> Portsmouth, Va.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William N. Eaton,<sup>2</sup> 1874.  
 William H. Appenzeller,<sup>2</sup> 1875-76.  
 William Ryder, 1877<sup>2</sup>.  
 R. F. Staples,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 Richard Bond,<sup>2</sup> 1879. (See Georgia  
 and South Carolina).  
 A. W. Hurlburt,<sup>2</sup> 1880.  
 W. Hervey King,<sup>2</sup> 1881.  
 P. T. Woodfin,<sup>2</sup> 1882-83.  
 B. C. Cook,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 H. DeB. Clay,<sup>2</sup> 1885-86.  
 John W. Woodman, Portsmouth, Va.,  
 1887-88.  
 R. P. Wheeler,<sup>2</sup> 1889.  
 N. J. Smith,<sup>2</sup> 1890.  
 H. B. Nichols,<sup>2</sup> 1891.  
 Edgar Allan,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 W. Whitcomb,<sup>2</sup> 1893.  
 Joseph G. Fulton,<sup>2</sup> 1894.

James E. Porter,<sup>2</sup> 1895.  
 H. W. Weiss, Emporia, Va., 1896.  
 John W. Stebbins, Norfolk, Va., 1897.  
 James M. Davis,<sup>2</sup> 1898 (See Pennsylv-  
 vania).  
 John W. Rutter, Portsmouth, Va., 1899.  
 A. B. Heistand,<sup>2</sup> 1900.  
 Peter Morton,<sup>2</sup> 1901.  
 C. D. Grew,<sup>2</sup> 1902.  
 M. H. Haas,<sup>2</sup> 1903.  
 John C. Fowler,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 Isaac Powell, Newbern, N. C., 1905.  
 D. R. Wilson, Richmond, Va., 1906.  
 A. A. Hager,<sup>2</sup> 1907.  
 Thomas Fogerty,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 Frank M. Work, National Soldiers'  
 Home, Ohio, 1909.  
 Charles H. Haber,<sup>1,4</sup> National Soldiers'  
 Home, Virginia, 1910-17.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Porter. See Pennsylvania.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Haber, department commander.

## WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30).

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 2,215; posts, 65.]

Department commander -----S. F. Street<sup>1</sup>-----Edmonds, Wash.  
 Senior vice department commander Charles A. Cavender<sup>1</sup>-----Tacoma.  
 Junior vice department commander A. A. Stevens<sup>1</sup>-----Wenatchee.  
 Assistant adjutant general-----A. W. Hastie<sup>1</sup>-----Seattle.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

A. P. Lawrence,<sup>1</sup> Seattle.  
 William George,<sup>1</sup> Tacoma.  
 E. W. Phillips,<sup>1</sup> Tacoma.  
 J. H. Coffman,<sup>1</sup> Tacoma.  
 W. J. Baker,<sup>1</sup> Everett.  
 W. P. Craigin,<sup>1</sup> Hoquiam.  
 H. M. Blakeslee,<sup>1</sup> Seattle.  
 T. A. White,<sup>1</sup> Retsil.

## ALTERNATES.

C. G. Austin, Seattle.  
 W. M. Badger, Yakima.  
 D. C. Brown, Seattle.  
 J. F. Burbank, Green Lake.  
 James Coverly, Spokane.  
 Fred Wilhelm, Seattle.  
 William Garard, Bellingham.  
 E. R. Harding, Orting.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

F. W. Sparling,<sup>2</sup> 1881-82.  
 George D. Hill,<sup>2</sup> 1883.  
 H. A. Morrow,<sup>2</sup> 1884.  
 A. M. Brooks,<sup>1</sup> Seattle, 1885.

C. M. Holton,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 A. P. Curry,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 J. W. Sprague,<sup>2</sup> 1888.  
 S. C. Cosgrove,<sup>2</sup> 1889.



## WASHINGTON AND ALASKA—Continued.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued.

M. M. Holmes, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	Frank M. Davis, <sup>1</sup> Seattle, 1904.
D. G. Lovell, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	J. T. Goss, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
J. S. Brown, <sup>1</sup> South Bend, 1892.	C. B. Dunning, <sup>1</sup> Spokane, 1906.
Joseph F. Sinclair, <sup>2</sup> 1893.	W. H. Mock, <sup>2</sup> 1907.
J. N. Scott, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	George H. Boardman, <sup>1</sup> Tacoma, 1908.
Norman Buck, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	Lyman Banks, <sup>2</sup> 1909.
C. T. Patterson, <sup>1</sup> S. Tacoma, 1896.	W. H. Wiscombe, <sup>1</sup> Spokane, 1910.
John F. McLean, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	F. H. Hurd, <sup>1</sup> Seattle, 1911.
George W. Tibbetts, <sup>1</sup> Issaquah, 1898.	R. R. Harding, Port Angeles, 1912.
J. W. Langley, <sup>2</sup> 1899.	J. E. Stewart, <sup>1</sup> Spokane, 1913.
B. R. Freeman, Spokane, 1900.	H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.
H. A. Bigelow, <sup>2</sup> 1901.	H. W. North, <sup>1</sup> Everett, 1915.
B. C. Bedell, <sup>2</sup> 1902.	J. E. Gandy, <sup>1</sup> Spokane, 1916.
Thomas H. Cavanaugh, <sup>2</sup> 1903.	John J. See, <sup>1</sup> Anacortes, 1917.
E. A. Shores, <sup>1,3</sup> Tacoma, 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.	
John Phelps, <sup>1</sup> Orting, 1889, transferred from Missouri.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Shores, national council of administration.

## WEST VIRGINIA (28).

[Organized Apr. 9, 1868. Reorganized Feb. 29, 1883. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 738; posts, 29.]

Department commander -----	W. T. Cox <sup>1</sup> -----	Elizabeth.
Senior vice department commander -----	I. B. Moore -----	Parkersburg.
Junior vice department commander -----	W. S. Grafton -----	Wheeling.
Assistant adjutant general -----	James T. Piggott -----	Parkersburg.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

T. A. Black,<sup>1</sup> Parkersburg.  
 August Sattow,<sup>1</sup> Belleville.  
 J. M. Jolliffe, Morgantown.

## ALTERNATES.

S. Lemon, Wheeling.  
 Peter Loy, Sistersville.  
 Silas Henderson, Meadeville.  
 William Sattow,<sup>1</sup> New England.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

W. H. H. Flick, <sup>2</sup> 1883.	M. B. Bartlett, <sup>2</sup> 1901.
C. B. Smith, <sup>2</sup> 1884.	C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.
John Carlin, <sup>2</sup> 1885.	Alexander C. Moore, <sup>2</sup> 1903.
G. W. Taggart, <sup>2</sup> 1886.	O. H. Michaelson, Charleston, 1904.
Lee Haymond, <sup>2</sup> 1887.	J. W. Shroyer, <sup>2</sup> 1905.
R. E. Fleming, <sup>2</sup> 1888.	Thomas M. Mills, New Martinsville, 1906.
S. S. Hazen, <sup>2</sup> 1889.	Isaac M. Adams, Ravenswood, 1907.
George J. Walker, <sup>2</sup> 1890.	Thomas R. Marks, <sup>2</sup> 1908.
I. H. Duval, <sup>2</sup> 1891.	D. Mayer, <sup>2</sup> 1909.
Chas. E. Anderson, Weston, 1892.	J. L. Caldwell, Huntington, 1910.
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.	Thomas V. Salisbury, Wheeling, 1911.
F. H. Crago, <sup>2</sup> 1894.	E. A. Billingslea, Fairmont, 1912.
R. E. Lee, <sup>2</sup> 1895.	John Millan, <sup>2</sup> 1913.
R. H. Freer, <sup>2</sup> 1896.	Thos. G. Hammond, Moundsville, 1914.
Thomas A. Maulsby, <sup>2</sup> 1897.	C. T. Reed, <sup>2</sup> 1915.
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.	James T. Piggott, <sup>3</sup> Parkersburg, 1916.
Charles R. LaValley, <sup>2</sup> 1899.	S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1917.
Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900.	

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Piggott, assistant adjutant general.

## WISCONSIN (2).

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, Dec. 31, 1917, 3,588; posts, 165.]

Department commander -----	George D. Breed <sup>1</sup> -----	Chilton.
Senior vice department commander-----	Robert Inglis-----	Bayfield.
Junior vice department commander-----	Almon Baldwin-----	Clinton.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. J. McKay-----	Madison.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

R. E. Osborn,<sup>1</sup> Minneapolis, Minn.  
 A. N. Lent,<sup>1</sup> Superior.  
 David Orme,<sup>1</sup> Racine.  
 Henry Stannard, Greenbush.  
 Charles W. Netherwood,<sup>1</sup> Oregon.  
 John M. Galloway,<sup>1</sup> Milwaukee.  
 Charles E. Estabrook, Milwaukee.  
 Edward Hart, Neenah.  
 Frank Wilcox, Manston.  
 E. M. Copps, Stevens Point.  
 Dennis Meidam,<sup>1</sup> Appleton.  
 J. M. Botsford, Altoona.  
 J. H. Hellweg,<sup>1</sup> Hayward.

## ALTERNATES.

Rockwell J. Flint, Menomonie.  
 W. G. Bryant, Sheboygan Falls.  
 W. H. Fross, Milton.  
 Benjamin Collins, Sheboygan.  
 H. R. Bird,<sup>1</sup> Madison.  
 William H. Ellis, Milwaukee.  
 Henry Lecher, Milwaukee.  
 W. Tunnecliff, Menasha.  
 William Thompson, New Lisbon.  
 John Evans, Waupaca.  
 W. S. Carr, Antigo.  
 William A. Kent,<sup>1</sup> Barron.  
 Joseph Stevens, Washburn.  
 Murray McCallum,<sup>1</sup> Neenah.  
 John W. Thomas,<sup>1</sup> Chippewa Falls.  
 Spencer D. Ross,<sup>1</sup> Beloit.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

James K. Proudfit,<sup>2</sup> 1866.  
 H. A. Starr,<sup>2</sup> 1867.  
 J. M. Rusk,<sup>2</sup> 1868.  
 T. S. Allen,<sup>2</sup> 1869-70.  
 Edward Ferguson,<sup>2</sup> 1871-72.  
 A. J. McCoy,<sup>2</sup> 1873.  
 G. A. Hannaford,<sup>1</sup> Boise, Idaho, 1874-75.  
 John Hancock,<sup>2</sup> 1876.  
 Henry G. Rogers,<sup>2</sup> 1877.  
 F. S. Hammond,<sup>2</sup> 1878.  
 Griff J. Thomas,<sup>1 3</sup> 1879-81.  
 H. M. Enos,<sup>2</sup> 1882.  
 Phil Cheek,<sup>2</sup> 1883-84.  
 James Davidson,<sup>2</sup> 1885.  
 Lucius Fairchild,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 H. P. Fisher,<sup>2</sup> 1886.  
 Michael Griffin,<sup>2</sup> 1887.  
 A. G. Weissert,<sup>4</sup> Milwaukee, 1888.  
 Leander Ferguson, Brandon, 1889.  
 Benj. F. Bryant, Waupaca, 1890.  
 W. H. Upham, Marshfield, 1891.  
 C. B. Welton,<sup>2</sup> 1892.  
 E. A. Shores,<sup>1 5</sup> 1893.  
 J. A. Watrous, Milwaukee, 1894.  
 W. D. Hoard, Fort Atkinson, 1895.

D. Lloyd Jones,<sup>2</sup> 1896.  
 E. B. Gray,<sup>2</sup> 1897.  
 C. H. Russell,<sup>2</sup> 1898.  
 Henry Harnden,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 S. H. Tallmadge,<sup>2</sup> 1899.  
 D. G. James,<sup>1 6</sup> Richland Center, 1900.  
 A. H. DeGross,<sup>1 7</sup> 1901.  
 J. H. Agen, Houston, Tex., 1902.  
 J. P. Rundle, Milwaukee, 1903.  
 Pliny Norcross,<sup>2</sup> 1904.  
 F. A. Copeland, La Crosse, 1905.  
 John W. Ganes, Ripon, 1906.  
 John C. Martin, Madison, 1907.  
 E. D. Coe,<sup>2</sup> 1908.  
 R. B. Laing, Racine, 1909.  
 William H. Grinnell,<sup>1</sup> Beloit, 1909.  
 Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, 1910.  
 Hiram J. Smith, Racine, 1911.  
 Geo. Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.  
 Charles H. Henry,<sup>1</sup> Eau Claire, 1913.  
 S. A. Cook,<sup>2</sup> 1914.  
 W. J. McKay,<sup>8</sup> Madison, 1915.  
 O. L. Rosenkrans, Milwaukee, 1916.  
 William A. Wyse, Reedsburg, 1917.

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Comrade Thomas. See Nebraska.<sup>4</sup> Comrade Weissert, past commander in chief.<sup>5</sup> Comrade Shores. See Washington and Alaska.<sup>6</sup> Comrade James, national council of administration.<sup>7</sup> Comrade DeGross. See California and Nevada.<sup>8</sup> Comrade McKay, assistant adjutant general.

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W. H. COMSTOCK, assistant adjutant general, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO  
DATES OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AS HERETOFORE  
ANNOUNCED.**

No.	Department.	Organized.
1	Illinois.....	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin.....	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania.....	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio.....	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York.....	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut.....	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey.....	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine.....	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada.....	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island.....	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire.....	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont.....	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.....	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina..... As department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	July 27, 1871
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868.....	June 9, 1876 <sup>1</sup>
17	Nebraska.....	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868.....	Jan. 22, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866.....	Jan. 23, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866.....	Oct. 3, 1879 <sup>1</sup>
21	Colorado and Wyoming..... As department of the Mountains; name changed to Colo- rado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyo- ming Aug. 28, 1889.	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866.....	Mar. 16, 1880 <sup>1</sup>
23	Delaware.....	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867.....	Aug. 17, 1881 <sup>1</sup>
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867.....	Apr. 22, 1882 <sup>1</sup>
26	Oregon.....	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky.....	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868.....	Feb. 20, 1883 <sup>1</sup>
29	South Dakota..... As department of Dakota; name changed to South Da- kota Apr. 11, 1890.	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas.....	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico.....	July 14, 1883
33	Utah.....	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee.....	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi..... As department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	May 15, 1884
36	Florida.....	June 19, 1884
37	Montana.....	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas.....	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho.....	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona.....	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina.....	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama.....	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota.....	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma..... As department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	Aug. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory..... Consolidated with and merged into the department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	July 3, 1891

<sup>1</sup> Reorganized.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,**  
**PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 21 AND 22, 1918.**

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1918—MORNING SESSION.**

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The Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened at the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill Streets, Portland, Oreg., on August 21, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The encampment was opened in due form by Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers.

The Masonic Temple was in charge of the following-named comrades, their duties being performed in a very able and efficient manner:

Officer of the day: T. E. Hills, Garden Home, Oreg.

Officer of the guard: T. B. McDevitt, Portland, Oreg.

Members of the guard: Levi Heller, George Dimmen, R. A. Wohlfarth, A. A. Drake, and Elias White, Portland, Oreg.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief CHARLES H. FRADY, Helena, Mont. Our Heavenly Father, as we assemble here this morning to begin the work of the fifty-second anniversary of our order, we praise Thy holy name. We are thankful to notice down through these aisles that the representatives of the different departments are present, and we are glad that Thou hast permitted these departments and these comrades and these delegates to assemble from the far-distant places; and so we are here this morning and rejoice together. We pray that harmony shall prevail. We pray, our Father, that justice shall be done. We ask, Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt give unto our commander wisdom that he may so conduct the affairs of this encampment to-day and to-morrow and so on as long as he shall be in his position to the credit of the order and to Thy honor. Bless us all. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Anyone desiring to address the encampment will rise, announce his name and his department, and he will be recognized. Not otherwise.

Comrades will be in order. There are some vacant seats in some of the delegations. None other than members of that delegation

should occupy them unless they can find a rear seat; or seats in the center of the delegation can be filled, and the rear seats be occupied by other delegations. I would like to have a fair understanding about this seating capacity before we commence business. I want the adjutant general to call the roll of the departments. It will take but a little time if you keep still.

Comrade W. GRAY VERNER, of New York. I am here as a representative of the Farragut Naval Veterans' Association of the port of New York. I have no credentials. I have my credentials from the association. I have no badge, because we have no headquarters. I believe I am about the only such veteran in this city. I am refused admission in the hall here. I have no position. I have a resolution to bring up here before the committee, and I would like to know just what my standing is, whether I will be a delegate.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you a member of the Grand Army?

Comrade VERNER. I am a member of the Grand Army.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you a delegate to this encampment?

Comrade VERNER. I am a delegate from the Farragut Naval Veterans' Association.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am afraid, my friend, you are not a delegate to this encampment, therefore not entitled to admission nor to a hearing.

Comrade VERNER. Because I served faithfully and well I am cast out?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That doesn't have anything to do with the question at all.

Comrade VERNER. I must have some place. I was appointed to bring resolutions before this encampment. Can you call our delegate, William Patton Griffith, here?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You are interfering with the business of the meeting. You are not a delegate. You will please be seated, and when you have opportunity you can retire and have some friend that is a delegate bring your business before the encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will call the roll of officers.

The roll of officers was called by the adjutant general, with the following result:

Present—Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers, Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon, Chaplain in Chief Charles H. Frady, Adjutant General Robert W. McBride, Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, Judge Advocate General Smith Stimmel, Inspector General Thomas H. Brown, National Patriotic Instructor William C. Calland, Assistant Adjutant General C. A. Williams, Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, Senior Aide-de-Camp Gavin M. Stormont.

Absent—Senior Vice Commander in Chief John L. Clem, Surgeon General John M. Adams, Assistant Quartermaster General J. Henry Holcomb.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Report of the committee on credentials.

Adjutant General ROBERT W. McBRIDE. The committee on credentials have examined the credentials submitted by the various departments, and recommend that the printed roll which is in the hands

of the members of this encampment be accepted as the correct roll of this encampment, subject to correction by the adjutant general at the close of the encampment.

Comrade H. W. NORTH, of Washington and Alaska. I move that the recommendation by the adjutant general be accepted.

Comrade ADDISON JONES, of Illinois. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Any remarks? Is the encampment ready for the question? Those favoring it will make it known by saying "aye"; those opposed, "no." The motion is carried.

Call the roll of members.

Comrade ALFRED ATKINS, of New Jersey. I move that it be dispensed with.

Comrade GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, of Potomac. Second the motion.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion that the calling of the roll of members be dispensed with. Are you ready for the question? Those favoring it will make it known by saying "aye"; those opposed, "no." The motion is carried.

The next in order seems to be the address of the commander in chief. I presume all of you have this and may have read it, but it has been the custom of the commander in chief to read his address.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon was called to the chair, and the commander in chief then read his address to the encampment, as follows:

#### ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

Comrades of the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic: We are assembled in session for the review and consideration of the acts of an outgoing administration and to make proper provision for the conduct of the affairs of the succeeding one, and for such other business as may properly come before this encampment.

May we not expect that the business of our several sessions shall be conducted in such manner as will reflect credit upon the Grand Army of the Republic, whose membership, by reason of age and manly bearing and patriotic services, has become the most distinguished and dignified assemblage of men in America? Let the true spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty, to which we are solemnly pledged, permeate all our proceedings.

Your commander in chief desires to express his deep sense of gratitude for the uniform courtesy and kindness shown him by his comrades in all the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic. Everywhere, and upon all occasions, has he been the beneficiary of their wise counsels and their hearty cooperation.

The passing of many of our trusted leaders and the afflictions of age deprive us of the wisdom of their experience and the beneficence of their presence.

#### PASSING EVENTS.

On the failure of the Fifty-first National Encampment to elect a successor to Comrade W. R. Warnock, a trustee of the permanent fund, whose term of office expired August, 1917, Comrade Alfred

B. Beers, of Bridgeport, Conn., was appointed to serve until the next national encampment.

By reason of a vacancy on the board of trustees of the permanent fund, caused by the death of Comrade Thomas J. Stewart, Comrade William J. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was appointed to serve until the next national encampment.

On account of a vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Michael J. Cummings, a trustee of the permanent fund, Comrade James D. Bell, of New York was appointed to act in his stead until the next national encampment.

On account of the death of Comrade Harvey M. Trimble, a member of the committee on rules and regulations and ritual, Comrade William A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis, Ind., was appointed to fill the vacancy.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REFERRED TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

Whereas the public press states the President has directed that hereafter memorials to be erected in Arlington Cemetery must be submitted to and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, and the President has further directed that the dimensions of any memorial shall in no case exceed the following, viz:

For officers above the rank of brigadier general, 7 feet in length, 4½ feet in width, and 5 feet in height.

For officers between the grades of major and brigadier general, 7 feet in length, 4 feet in width, and 4½ feet in height.

For an officer below the rank of major, 7 feet in length, 3½ feet in width, and 4 feet in height.

For enlisted men, 6 feet in length, 3 feet in width, and 4 feet in height; and Whereas it is believed by the Grand Army of the Republic that such prescriptions and limitations are unwelcome to the members of the organization and their families, and, if adhered to, will mar the beauty of this sacred resting place of the dead, by resulting monotony and inartistic effect of requiring each memorial to be practically of the same length, breadth, and height: Therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the city of Boston on the 23d day of August, 1917, That it regrets the action of the President, as set forth in the foregoing preamble, and respectfully requests that such orders may be rescinded, and the supervision of the character of such memorials be placed in the hands of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army; and be it further*

*Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be presented to the President by the commander in chief at an early date.*

Pursuant to the encampment's direction the commander in chief, while in Washington, sought and obtained an interview with the President, during which, after reading the preamble and resolutions, he placed a certified copy of the same in the hands of the President as directed, strongly urging the recession of the order, or such modification thereof as would apply to the erection of memorials to soldiers of the Civil War period, which marked a distinct epoch in the history of our country; an era in which the art and architecture prescribed in the President's order would be in such painful contrast as to be wholly unsatisfactory to the friends of our dead comrades.

Our pleas were ably supplemented by Past Commander in Chief Gardner, Adjutant General McBride, and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief John McElroy.

What seemed to be the apparent cause for the issuance of the order was the some-time recent erection of a very unsightly mausoleum on



the most sightly spot in the cemetery. Evidently the President's order was to prevent a like occurrence. The President did not signify his will in the matter, but we believe, should occasion demand, any reasonable modification would be granted.

The President's manner and greeting was most cordial throughout and very gratifying to the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS ATTENDED.

I have attended 22 department encampments, viz: Potomac, Georgia and South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Utah, California and Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, Iowa, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan. In each department I have participated in their meetings and addressed their camp fires, and, in most cases, have attended and addressed the conventions of their allied orders and participated in their receptions. I am indebted to Senior Vice Commander in Chief Clem for representing me at the encampment of the department of Maryland, and to Past Commander in Chief Monfort for representation at the encampment of the department of Kentucky.

I have attended and addressed great camp fires, Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day meetings in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Denver, Portland, Helena, Spokane, and Indianapolis. I have been the guest of the commandants of a number of forts and cantonments, and have addressed soldiers, witnessed parades, and reviewed troops.

I have visited numerous shipyards on many shores and witnessed the launching of great ships of wood and ships of steel, ships of war and ships of commerce. The vastness of our ship industry is beyond comprehension. When the war is over we shall be able to carry the commerce of the world. As it is in our shipyards so it is in all other departments of our war industries.

Men of the Grand Army of the Republic, WE SHALL WIN THE WAR!

It will be seen that my experience has been quite different from that of any of my predecessors.

The world's war, in which our country has become the central figure, is now the uppermost thought in the American mind. Often we find the streets blocked by the women of the Cross—the Red Cross. We hear their story. It is the story of Him of the cross:

I was a-hungred and ye gave me meat; I was a-thirst and ye gave me drink;  
I was a stranger and ye took me in; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me.

We hear their song—the song with more soul in it than that for which we reverently bare our heads:

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

Beneath the great war cloud which shadows the continent, all sounds are stilled, save those of preparation for the struggle. And the drums say, Come! Come! Come! And our pulses quicken when it's

Bring the good old bugle, boys,  
We'll slug another song.

as with hurried tread a thousand men in khaki go marching by. They are our sons' sons, the select men of the Republic, going "over there." They are "bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood." We may well be proud of them—these men chosen because of their superior fitness to best serve the Republic.

All our great camp fires of the past year have been two wars' war meetings. Their purpose has not been more to honor the men who have fought the battles of the past, than to inspire men who are to fight the battles of the present.

Governors of States, Members of Congress, members of the Cabinet, mayors of cities, and ministers of the gospel have welcomed us and participated in our meetings.

Glowing tributes have been paid to the great men of the Civil War: To Abraham Lincoln, America's greatest President; to Edwin M. Stanton, the great iron-hearted Secretary of War; and to Ulysses S. Grant, the peerless leader of men, and ever the favor of Heaven has been invoked that we may have their likeness in a Woodrow Wilson, a Newton D. Baker, and a John J. Pershing.

Everywhere alike, between the Atlantic and the Pacific and between the Great Lakes and the Gulf, we have found the Stars and Stripes floating over public buildings and private dwellings; no North, no South, no East, no West; everywhere America! America! Everywhere "My country, 'tis of thee."

From millions of homes under the Flag of the free  
Have come millions of men for over the sea,  
And the sons of the sons of the followers of Grant  
And the sons of the sons of the followers of Lee  
Are shedding their blood on the fields of France  
For the world's democracy.

#### PENSIONS AND RAILROAD RATES.

Early in the year your commander in chief had the pleasure of meeting with your legislative committee in Washington to confer with the legislative and executive authorities of the Government in regard to an increase of pensions to Civil War veterans and a reduced rate of fares on railroads for members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and Army Nurses of the Civil War, and members of their families who may accompany them to the national encampment.

In both these matters, I am pleased to say, great success was achieved, resulting finally in a 1-cent rate per mile, 60 days' time limit, and ample stop-over privileges.

In the matter of pensions a substantial increase was secured for nearly, if not all, pensioners now under the age-and-service act; also for many pensioned for disabilities and wounds and not a few pensioned under special acts.

Your commander in chief feels under deep obligations to this committee and to Senator Reed Smoot and to many other Senators and Representatives and many members of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose active and loyal support made possible the enactment of the law and without whose assistance the untiring efforts of the committee and Senator Smoot must have been in vain.



It is a supreme satisfaction and an abiding pleasure to the commander in chief that his term of office has afforded him such opportunity of service, and so it must be to other members of the committee and to all parties to whom opportunity came to do their "bit" in so worthy a cause.

#### THE ARMY NURSES OF THE CIVIL WAR.

It is greatly to be regretted that these aged and worthy nurses are not more liberally pensioned. Our hearts are tender with memories of the days when their hands, answering the impulses of their hearts, sought with alacrity to serve the Nation and its defenders. They followed the soldiers with their ministries of love and gentleness into the remotest fields of action, refreshing not the wasted body only, but the wearied spirit. They stood by the rude cot of the dying soldier, and to the dimmed eye and wandering mind took on the lineaments of loved ones at home.

Let us seek out among them, if any such there be, those who may need assistance, and, with the help of our beloved allies, see that they shall not want for the necessities and comforts of old age.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Our faithful auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, now far exceeds in membership the Grand Army of the Republic. It is well for us that this is true. In the days of our strength they have been our honor; in the days of weakness, our support. They have been our help in every time of need. In spirit of fraternity, deeds of charity, and acts of loyalty our auxiliary is one of the world's most worthy exemplars.

Our ranks are thinning, our lines are shortening; silence reigns in an ever-increasing number of post halls. The Grand Army is passing. The rear guard are pitching their tents beside the still waters. Taps will soon be sounded, and billowed mounds, marking their eternal camping grounds, will be over them all. What of our auxiliary then?

The world's war, in which our sons and our sons' sons are battling has broadened their field of action. Under the wise and patriotic guidance of Mrs. Lois M. Knauff, of Ohio, national president for the past year, the high standard of the corps has been maintained, and new duties patriotically assumed, have been wisely directed and intelligently performed. May the success and honor which has ever crowned their past efforts continue with them.

#### LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

This organization is composed of our own blood and kinship. Only mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and lineal descendants of Union soldiers and sailors are eligible to membership in this order.

Theirs is the fraternity of blood and birth; theirs the charity which thinketh no evil, and theirs the loyalty of a brave and patriotic ancestry. And, because of blood and kinship, it is theirs to perpetuate the history and glory of their fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers who have fallen on the field of battle or otherwise in

the line of duty, and inscribe their names on the family roll of honor and transmit their names to posterity.

In good deeds they vie with and take their places alongside their worthy sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, of Maine, national president for the past year, is a lady of fine accomplishment, capable in direction, and gifted in speech. We believe her organization has been strengthened in every respect by her wise leadership and admonitions.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, our noble allies: All hail! May your purposes ever be sacred, your actions ever ennobling.

#### DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

The Daughters of Veterans is another of our affiliated bodies whose members have endeared themselves to the Grand Army of the Republic by their patriotic zeal, effective cooperation, and helpfulness.

Miss Anna B. Dunham, of New York, national president, has done much to increase the efficiency and promote the welfare of the order. Her splendid personality and gracious manner has greatly strengthened fraternal ties and won for herself and her order the best wishes of all.

The benedictions of the Grand Army of the Republic are now, and ever will be, over them.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

Your commander in chief has no data at hand by which he can determine whether the year has been one of progression or retrogression for this order. He has his doubts about its numerical success. The world's war has in a large measure diverted the minds of sons from the war in which their fathers fought a half century ago to the war of to-day, in which their sons are fighting.

In most part, the fathers of these Sons of Veterans have been a long time dead; their graves are sunken. The newly mounded graves of their own sons are before them. It is well they turn from the former to the latter.

The closing pages of the book of the Grand Army of the Republic are being written, and when written the book should be closed. Our years have marked a distinct era in our country's history.

The world's war forms a new epoch, the dawning of a new era. A new book must be opened. In this our sons will write. Let us have no fears for the history they will make. The book of the Grand Army of the Republic will be eloquent in the story of "A Republic saved and a race redeemed from bondage." This will be *our* history and *our* glory.

The book to be written by our sons will be the story of "The world redeemed from autocracy." This will be *their* history and *their* glory.

When Prussianism shall have been crushed, our sons and our sons' sons will return to us from over the sea with the untarnished banners of the Republic. It will be then that the survivors of the world's greatest war will organize, not the Sons of Veterans and not a new Grand Army of the Republic, but the "Army of the Grand Repub-

lic"—the Republic their fathers saved, the Republic their sons have glorified. Then, and not until then, will our sons come to their own.

#### FINANCES.

By reference to the reports of the quartermaster general and the trustees of the permanent fund you will find that the funds of the Grand Army of the Republic have been wisely invested, amply secured, and economically administered.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the increased expenditure of funds made necessary by the increased rates, tariffs, and taxes on all railroads, telegraph and telephone service; also the increased postal rates and prices on all commodities necessary to the conduct of business.

The expense incurred by the legislative committee, though considerable, has been amply justified by the 1-cent rate secured, meaning the saving of many thousands of dollars to the representatives of the national encampment, and without which a successful encampment could not have been held in Portland, if held in Portland at all.

If further justification be needed, it can be found in the newly enacted pension law, the passage of which was secured by striking while the iron was hot, striking hard and fast. This was done, and \$40,000,000 come to our comrades, many thousands of whom are in sore need. Better to have drained the treasury of the Grand Army of the Republic than to have failed in these undertakings. Yes, my comrades, I beg to assure you that the funds of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year have been patriotically, wisely, and economically administered.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To my distinguished senior vice commander in chief, Comrade John L. Clem, of Washington, D. C., I am indebted for presence and representative fulfillment of official duties at the Maryland Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Baltimore April 9-11, 1918, and for much valuable assistance rendered in line of duty.

I am under many obligations to my faithful junior vice, John M. Vernon, of Chicago, Ill., for his kind and thoughtful assistance on many occasions and for the faithful performance of all the duties incumbent upon the office of junior vice commander in chief.

To my esteemed and venerable friend, Surg. Gen. John M. Adams, of Cincinnati, Ohio, I extend the thanks of his esteemed and venerable comrades for his wise admonitions; for his correct diagnosis, prognosis, and the unfailing antidote of his prescription. For further information you are respectfully referred to the surgeon general's report.

That the duties of the office of chaplain in chief have been performed by Comrade C. H. Frady, of Helena, Mont., in such manner as will cast no reproach upon the religion whose precepts it is his duty to recite for our counsel and guidance is evidenced by the Christian spirit manifest throughout his report, to which your respectful attention is directed.

My adjutant general, Robert W. McBride, of Indianapolis, Ind., has filled the full measure of my expectations by the splendid service rendered. A loyal friend and wise counselor; judicious in tempera-

ment; systematic in method; soldierly in bearing and courteous in manner, my official and personal relations with him for the year past have been harmonious and pleasurable.

In recognition and expression of my appreciation of the services of my most efficient secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, of Massachusetts, I do but add to the testimonials of many of my predecessors. Clear minded, methodical in business, concise in expression, thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, the proceedings of its encampments and the decisions of its courts, and ladylike in manner, I fully recognize her abilities and express my appreciation of her services.

To Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, of Buffalo, N. Y., my often tried and long-trusted quartermaster general, whose efficiency has marked many administrations, I am under many obligations. For his many courtesies he has my sincere thanks.

To Comrade George A. Hosley, of Boston, Mass., my very efficient chief of staff, I am under many obligations for helpful suggestions and assistance in line of duty.

Comrade Smith Stimmell, of Fargo, N. Dak., judge advocate general, has my thanks for the considerate attention given to the cases submitted to his court, and his findings have my approval.

Comrade Thomas H. Brown, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., inspector general, makes the best report possible from the figures and data available.

Comrade William C. Calland, of Springfield, Mo., national patriotic instructor, shows by his report that patriotism is the abiding principle of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is well for the American people that this is true. No other organized force has done so much to keep its altar fires burning. The fruits of our labors are shown in the readiness of our sons to willingly lay down their lives in defense of our country's flag.

C. A. Williams, of Portland, Oreg., assistant adjutant general, has performed all the duties incumbent upon the office he holds.

I fully approve the report made by J. Henry Holcomb, assistant quartermaster general and custodian, of Philadelphia, Pa., and earnestly invite the attention of this encampment to the wisdom of his suggestions, which have my hearty support.

To Comrade Gavin M. Stormont, of Pomona, Cal., my senior aide-camp, I am under obligations for prompt obedience to all orders.

#### THE PARTING WORD.

And now, comrades, my year's work is done. In a few hours the honors and burdens of office will be transferred to the shoulders of another. God grant that he may worthily wear and bear them.

My official life began upon the sunrise, storm-swept, and battle-scarred shores of the continent. It was beneath the shadows of Bunker Hill Monument the badge of duty and service was pinned upon my breast, and the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic was placed in my hands.

Here on the peaceful, sunset shore, in Portland, the beautiful city near the sea, where storms never come and flowers perennially bloom, I bring your badge untarnished, your banner unsullied, and lay them down; with honors satisfied, with accomplishment gratified, I lay them down.



The JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF (calling the encampment to its feet by the gavel). Comrades, salute your commander. The report of the commander in chief will be referred to the committee on the report of the commander in chief.

The commander in chief resumed the chair.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The national president of the Woman's Relief Corps is waiting at the door. There is no better time for her admission than the present moment. The officer of the day will conduct the president to this station.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the delegation was escorted to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Lois M. Knauff, of Ohio; the adviser and trusted counselor of the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Emma Somers, of Indiana; the adviser and counselor of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Ida S. McBride, of Indiana; also a representative of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Miss Kate Raynor, of Ohio. Comrades, salute.

Mrs. LOIS M. KNAUFF, of Ohio, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander, I bring to you the report of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Reading:)

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

PORTLAND, OREG., August 21, 1918.

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the pleasure to present a summary of the work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, for the year ending March 31, 1918.

*General summary to Mar. 31, 1918.*

Number of departments.....	36
Number of provisional departments.....	2
Number of corps.....	2,581
Number of members.....	164,644
Amount expended for relief.....	\$32,761.69
Amount cash turned over to posts.....	24,755.52
For relief other than money.....	65,385.58
Total expended as above.....	\$122,902.79
For Memorial Day.....	9,899.84
For Southern memorial fund.....	1,000.00
For Army nurses.....	1,340.00
Total.....	12,239.84
Total expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above, during year.....	135,142.63
Total expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., since organization to Mar. 31, 1917.....	4,819,994.31
Total expended for year ending Mar. 31, 1918.....	135,142.63
Total expended for relief, Memorial Day, etc., since organization to Mar. 31, 1918.....	4,955,136.94

The national treasurer's report shows cash balances, Mar. 31, 1918:

In general fund-----	\$9, 783. 74
In all other funds-----	3, 358. 98

Total cash in all funds-----	13, 142. 72
Due from departments-----	500. 83
Due from detached corps-----	. 00
Salable supplies valued at cost-----	6, 052. 44

Total assets-----	19, 695. 99
Liabilities, none.	

Accompanying this report is a check for \$1,000 from the National Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

LOIS M. KNAUFF,  
National President.

The report states that "accompanying this report is a check for \$1,000," but your commander in chief has had the check.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The check was received the other evening, for \$1,000.

Mrs. KNAUFF. Now, Commander, knowing that you realize that the Woman's Relief Corps have great respect for you, we felt that we would like to show you on this little badge our respect for you. Comrades, he didn't know I had his picture.

Comrades, we have a splendid picture of your commander in chief on this badge. May I pin it on?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. With pleasure.

Mrs. KNAUFF. If you don't want it on, take it off.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now, comrades, I am going to the other portion of the family. We have heard from the head of the family and now we are going to hear from a member of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. I now have the pleasure of introducing Miss Kate G. Raynor, of Ohio.

Miss KATE G. RAYNOR, of Ohio, past national president, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. Commander and fathers of the Grand Army: I have the very great pleasure and honor this morning of bringing to you \$250 in cash from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. They are in session with the Sons of Veterans at Niagara Falls, N. Y., much to our sorrow. But the girls want you to know that we have not forgotten you. They wish that they owned all the mints in the United States and could keep them working day and night forever to give you all the money you deserve, all that you have earned, and all that we want you to have, for our hearts are full of love and honor and respect for you, our fathers. My father won his star for brave and meritorious conduct, and I love each and every one of you for his sake. Our hearts are just as loyal and just as loving as the Sons' and we want to do just as much for you, and I have brought you this little love token from your girls over in Niagara Falls. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Two hundred and fifty dollars as a token of the love and respect in which we are held by your girls. I think we might send a vote of thanks to them over at Niagara Falls, if some person would make a motion to that effect.



Comrade SMITH STIMMEL, of North Dakota. I move you that the commander in chief or adjutant general be directed to send a telegram of thanks to the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans for this gift in recognition of their esteem.

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I second that motion.

Comrade C. O. HOLMES, of Illinois. I would like to move you, sir, that we tender a vote of thanks to the Woman's Relief Corps for the magnificent gift of a thousand dollars to this encampment.

Comrade T. R. SHINN, of Ohio. I second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motions. All in favor will make it known by saying aye. Contrary, no. Carried.

(Following is a copy of the telegram sent to the president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary:)

PORTLAND, OREG., August 21, 1918.

MISS MAYME DWYER,

*President Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary,*

*Cataract Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y.*

The Grand Army of the Republic acknowledges with sincere appreciation the words of greeting extended to-day by your worthy representative, Miss Kate G. Raynor, together with their substantial accompaniment.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,

*Adjutant General.*

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE. In this connection I have a telegram that is apropos. (Reading:)

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., August 20, 1918.

FRANK MCCRILLIS,

*Liberty Temple, Portland, Oreg.:*

The National Encampment Sons of Veterans cordially extends best wishes and hearty greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic in national convention assembled, and pledges continued loyalty, fidelity, and service at all times to the great order composed of our fathers who saved the Nation.

F. T. F. JOHNSON.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. I move you, sir, that the adjutant general be instructed to send a suitable telegram in response to this, showing the appreciation of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade C. O. HOLMES, of Illinois. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is the encampment ready for the question? Those favoring it will make it known by saying aye. Opposed, no. The motion is carried, and the adjutant general is so instructed.

(Following is a copy of the telegram sent by the adjutant general:)

PORTLAND, OREG., August 21, 1918.

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

*Commander in Chief Sons of Veterans, Niagara Falls, N. Y.:*

I am directed by the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, to acknowledge your telegram of greeting and to assure you that we have an abiding faith in our boys that they will prove worthy of the inheritance we are leaving them.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,

*Adjutant General.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We have with us a past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. My adjutant general, before he was appointed, was Mrs. McBride's husband.

Mrs. IDA S. McBRIDE, of Indiana. Commander in Chief and Comrades of the Grand Army: It has been my pleasure in years gone by to come to you in an official capacity. This year I have been quiet, but I was privileged by our national president to come to look into your faces because I am the wife of the adjutant general, an honor which is greater than the former. I will not occupy your attention and delay you, because your time is valuable; ours likewise. But it is a joy to me to come to you and to look into your faces and to say Godspeed. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now, this lady is not going to make a speech. I don't want her to. She is an autocrat. And as long as she believes in democracy and me ruling I want her to keep quiet. This is Mrs. Somers. [Applause.] She has had charge of my household and business affairs for 365 days, and she has met every requirement and performed every obligation incumbent upon the position which she has held. [Applause.]

Mrs. KNAUFF. I just want to say, comrades, I bring you the love and greetings of the national convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, and say to you "God bless you and keep you with us."

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation retired.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move that all the other reports be received as printed without reading and referred to the various committees.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion that all other reports be referred to their respective committees. The committees will be announced. I will ask the junior vice commander in chief to announce the committee on commander's address.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. I have the authority of the junior vice commander in chief to announce the committee in his name. The junior vice commander in chief has appointed as the committee on the address of the commander in chief Past Commanders in Chief Ell Torrance, of Minnesota; Washington Gardner, of Michigan; and W. J. Patterson, of Pennsylvania.

The commander in chief has appointed the following committees:

On reports of other officers, except judge advocate general: George H. Slaybaugh, Potomac; A. M. Trimble, Nebraska; S. P. Town, Pennsylvania; T. H. Stevens, Oregon; C. A. B. Fox, South Dakota.

Chairman committee on resolutions: Leo Rassieur, Missouri. (James D. Bell, of New York, was afterwards appointed chairman of this committee, Comrade Rassieur declining to serve.)

On report of judge advocate general and appeal from decision of commander in chief: J. W. Willett, Iowa; James D. Bell, New York; J. Andrew Wilt, Pennsylvania.

On rules and regulations and ritual: E. R. Monfort, Ohio; F. H. Hurd, Washington and Alaska; C. G. Burton, Missouri; D. J. Palmer, Iowa; LeVant Dodge, Kentucky.

Greetings to Woman's Relief Corps: W. S. Matthews, Ohio; R. A. Parker, Michigan; J. H. Crowder, Illinois.

Greetings to ladies of the G. A. R.: S. F. Street, Washington and Alaska; Judson Spofford, Idaho; J. H. Mills, Iowa.

Greetings to Army nurses of the Civil War: George B. Loud, New York; Wilbur F. Henry, Missouri; L. F. Arensberg, Pennsylvania.

Greetings to Daughters of Veterans: Lewis S. Pilcher, New York; Philip A. Nordell, Massachusetts; Eugene Wason, New Hampshire.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the committees named. I desire that each member of a committee named shall take notice and make arrangements for the proper meeting of the committee and disposition of the questions that will be submitted to such committee.

Comrade Burton desires to make an announcement in which you are all more or less interested.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. The city committee desires on Friday to take the delegates to this encampment, and their wives, if you have them with you, or your daughters, if you have them with you, on a trip up the Columbia Highway. Also the delegates to the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Veterans. Also the Army nurses. Now, then, the Government has commandeered every large steamboat on the river, and in order to accommodate as many as possible we must know by 5.30 this evening just how many delegates desire to make that trip, and how many of them will be accompanied by their wives or daughters—not some other man's wife. We have prepared, practically, a card which I will read, if you will bear with me, and then explain.

"Columbia River highway trip, Friday, August 23, 1918. Instructions: The department commander or assistant adjutant general should fill out this blank and file it with Frank McCrillis, secretary, executive committee, at the Liberty Temple, not later than 5.30 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, August 21. (That is to-day.) Otherwise, tickets for the trip up the Columbia River highway on Friday the 23d can not be supplied. Only those entitled to vote in the encampment and their families can be accommodated." Listen now for the instructions:

"This includes the department commander, vice commanders, assistant adjutant general, members of the council of administration, and elected representatives." To illustrate, the assistant adjutant general of the Department of Indiana will not count the commander in chief or Comrade McBride. They will be taken care of in another way. But you will count every other man who is entitled to sit here and vote, if present.

"Do not count those absent." If there is anyone who has been elected a department commander who is not here, you do not count him.

"In making your request do not include women who are delegates to the Woman's Relief Corps, ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, or Daughters of Veterans. They will be provided with tickets through their own organizations." To illustrate, suppose the department commander of Illinois is here with his wife, and she is a delegate to the Woman's Relief Corps. You do not count her because she will get her ticket through the Woman's Relief Corps. But if the department commander of Illinois has his wife or daugh-

ter here and they are not delegates to either one or the other, you count them. I want you to understand this clearly.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. You did not include past department commanders. Shall we count past commanders in chief that are in our department?

Past Commander in Chief BURTON. No. I stated that Indiana would not count either the commander in chief or line officers. Missouri will not count Judge Rassieur or me. I can very easily make a list of those outside. We will make a list outside of the commander in chief and all the line officers, and also of all past commanders in chief. So that in making up your list do not include any line officer or any past commander in chief.

Now, I have got two of these for each department. "Department of \_\_\_\_." Write in there the name of your department. "Total voting members present at national encampment \_\_\_\_," whatever it may be. "Members desiring tickets for Columbia Highway trip \_\_\_\_." Now, some of you may have gone up the highway yesterday or the day before. If you have, we don't expect you to go again. Some of you may not desire to go; may desire to leave the city before that time. We merely want those who intend to go. "Number of additional tickets desired for women \_\_\_\_." That means only those women who are not delegates to either of the others, but who may be with you, either your wives or daughters.

Now, I want to say to you that we calculated probably on about 1,400 delegates all told—not over 1,500—but if the other organizations are as well represented as this there is going to be more than that. The committee have a contract with two steamboats and an option on a third. Tickets will be issued reading "Up by auto and down by boat," or "Up by boat and down by auto." The intention is to have a picnic lunch at Bonneville, which is 42 miles by auto and 60 miles by boat. We expect those who go up in the auto to come back on the boat.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Take their lunch with them?

Past Commander in Chief BURTON. No, sir. The lunch will be there. It is strange what an appetite you have acquired during the past year.

Those going by boat will have their lunch and then will go into the autos, provided there are not too many of us. Now, the city committee desires to take all that can be accommodated. If there are not enough boats and autos to take all the representatives in all the encampments, the Department of Oregon will stand back in order that those from other States may take the trip. I asked the assistant adjutant general of Oregon to give me a list, just the same as every other assistant adjutant general, but I make this statement: We want to take them all. We will take them all if we can get enough boats and autos. No one will be admitted on the boat or into an auto without a ticket.

Now, then, as quietly as you can, I wish every department commander or assistant adjutant general would meet me in this room and receive two of these cards. Fill them both out. Keep one and file the other at the Liberty Temple before 5.30 to-night. Now, don't pad. When you come to vote on commander in chief we will know



how many voters you have got, and if you put more down on this paper you won't get the tickets.

We will let you know where the delegates will assemble. I don't know where the boat landing is. I know that the autos will assemble at the Multnomah Hotel, but the details will be announced later.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Commander in Chief, in pursuance of a duty placed upon my shoulders at the encampment one year ago, I desire to summons William J. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, past commander in chief, to the platform.

Comrade Patterson, long time a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, serving it in many capacities and characters, your comrades elevated you to the chief position of guardian of the whole order. At the end of last year you terminated an administration that had been excelled by none in ability, in efficiency, and in holding the standard of the Grand Army of the Republic high above the American people. In recognition of that your comrades voted a testimonial to adorn your table, too much of it in capacity to bring to Portland, but one in which the ladies of your household will find a memento that will mean a great deal to them. As you look upon its brilliancy you will see reflected the love and the regard of the comrades of the Grand Army, and they will see reflected in it also the virtues of the old man whom they reverence as they do. Here is the receipt for it, Comrade Patterson. You will find it in your home when you get back there. God grant that you may live long to enjoy it, and that in spite of Hoover and war times you may find luscious food at all times.

Past Commander in Chief W. J. PATTERSON. Commander in Chief, Comrade Tanner, I think that I would be less than human if I did not fully appreciate this moment receiving this evidence of the testimonial voted at the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am proud to have it presented to me at this moment, when I see so many faces that I met during my term last year. The compliment that my good friend from New York pays to me about my administration is largely due to the magnificent support that I obtained and secured from my comrades throughout all this land in which I traveled. I see so many faces that are familiar to me that it adds greatly to the pleasure of the moment in accepting this. I can do no more at this moment than to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this testimonial so gracefully presented by Past Commander in Chief Tanner. I thank you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (calling the Encampment up by the gavel). Comrades, I want you to salute our beloved past commander in chief. Salute.

Adj't. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE. If there are any assistant adjutants general in the room I want them to bring in the names of their member of the committee on resolutions and their member of the council of administration. I want these names handed in before they leave the room.

Comrade ALFRED ANDERSON, of Idaho. Idaho has a drum corps. Some of the boys marched with Sherman to the sea. They have come to attend this encampment, and Idaho would be pleased to have them go on the trip up the river and over that highway. We brought

the drum corps with us, and two at least are old soldiers, and Idaho would be pleased to have that drum corps go on that excursion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is a matter for the local committee. Consult them and not this encampment.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I arose a while ago to suggest that the resolutions submitted to the committee be submitted without reading. You did not allow me at that time to make that suggestion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is a rule of the order.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. Well, then, it has been adopted very recently.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All resolutions and matters that go to committees will be referred without reading. Comrades, if you have anything to present, get the matter in the hands of these committees so they may have opportunity to take proper notice of it.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. Allow me to suggest that it would be well to call the roll of the departments so that anybody having resolutions or other business to go before the committee on resolutions can present it properly.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the suggestion. It will be acted upon. The adjutant general will call the roll of departments. Anyone having anything to present will make response at the time of the calling of the roll.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, and departments having resolutions to present sent the same to the platform in response to the roll call.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I move that the encampment now take a recess until 2 o'clock.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried, and at 12.15 p. m. the encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1918—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The encampment was called to order at 2.20 p. m. by Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general needs to have some reports that are not turned in yet. He will call for them. Be prompt.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE. Several departments have not handed in the names of their member of the council of administration or of the committee on resolutions. I will read them: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The name of Comrade James D. Bell, of New York, is substituted for that of Leo Rassieur, of Missouri, as chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Following is the committee on resolutions as reported by the several departments during the encampment:

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama.....	Henry M. Austin.....	Bedford, Va.
Arizona.....		
Arkansas.....	F. W. Tucker.....	Little Rock.
California and Nevada.....	E. T. Allen.....	San Francisco.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Wm. Butler.....	Longmont, Colo.
Connecticut.....	David W. Sharpe.....	New Haven.
Delaware.....		
Florida.....	Wm. James.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia and South Carolina.....	F. A. Jones.....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Idaho.....	Willard White.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	J. M. Taylor.....	Taylorville.
Indiana.....	Wm. H. Hickman.....	Montpelier.
Iowa.....	F. C. Grace.....	Hollywood, Cal.
Kansas.....	P. H. Coney.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Le Vant Dodge.....	Berea.
Louisiana and Mississippi.....		
Maine.....	J. L. Merrick.....	Waterville.
Maryland.....	Christopher Roes.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	J. P. Thompson.....	Northampton.
Michigan.....	Frank R. Chase.....	Smyrna.
Minnesota.....	Wm. H. Harries.....	Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	Leo Rassieur.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	James R. Goss.....	Billings.
Nebraska.....	J. S. Hoagland.....	North Platte.
New Hampshire.....	Eugene Wason.....	Milford.
New Jersey.....	A. C. Gile.....	Cape May.
New Mexico.....	H. B. Steward.....	Albuquerque.
New York.....	James D. Bell.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	B. F. Bigelow.....	Jamestown.
Ohio.....	Thomas R. Shinn.....	Ashtand.
Oklahoma.....	W. S. Tilton.....	Anadarko.
Oregon.....	Daniel Webster.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	C. H. W. Ruhe.....	Pittsburgh.
Potomac.....	Geo. H. Slaybaugh.....	Washington.
Rhode Island.....	John M. Burdick.....	River Point.
South Dakota.....	N. H. Kingman.....	Selby.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Tennessee.....	G. M. Griff.....	Memphis.
Texas.....	H. W. Nye.....	Fort Worth.
Utah.....	Wm. M. Bostaph.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	A. B. Stearns.....	Wells River.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	W. H. Hunter.....	National Soldiers Home.
Washington and Alaska.....	Geo. W. Tibbetts.....	Issaquah, Wash.
West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	R. E. Osborne.....	Minneapolis, Minn.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on resolutions will meet on the right immediately upon recess.

Before we have further business there will be a patriotic song sung and the singers can retire—a piece of music composed for this occasion, which, when printed, will be sold to increase the Belgian and French babies' milk fund. I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Rorick, the granddaughter of a veteran. [Applause.]

Mrs. Loretta Taylor Rorick, of Portland, then sang "A Battle Hymn," composed by Francis B. Randall, receiving hearty applause. The words of the hymn follow:

God of our Fathers, hear us,  
While unto Thee we pray;  
Give of Thy mighty prowess  
To those from day to day  
Who go across the water  
To fight the tyrant Hun,  
To wage a holy warfare  
Till the great vict'ry's won.

Stretch out Thy mighty arm, Lord,  
Attending to our prayer;  
Lie with them in the trenches,  
Fly with them in the air;  
Give courage, Lord, in battle,  
To meet the awful Hun,  
Nor stay Thy mighty arm, Lord,  
Till the great vict'ry's won.

Thou art the only King, Lord,  
To whom all nations bow;  
Thy scepter, Thine alone, Lord,  
Doth sway our armies now.  
We'll wage the holy warfare  
Till the great vict'ry's won;  
Until the Prince of Peace reigns,  
And Thy Great Kingdom come!

Comrade WILLIAM H. HICKMAN, of Indiana. It seems very fitting, sir, that we should instruct the adjutant general to send a resolution in behalf of this great encampment to Director of Railroads McAdoo, with our greetings and thanks for the railroad favors, and I will so move.

Comrade A. J. SHOWERS, of Missouri. I take pleasure in seconding that motion and hope it will carry.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move that all resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions without reading.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All resolutions will be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate. This matter will go to the committee on resolutions, and no doubt will be properly cared for. Comrade Burton, of the local committee, desires to make a further announcement. Pay attention, so when it is made you won't have to ask him what he has been talking about.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. I want either the department commander or the assistant adjutant general of the departments of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, and West Virginia to meet me in the anteroom. I also want the following officers to meet me there: Quartermaster general, judge advocate general, patriotic instructor, senior aid-de-camp, and the following past commanders in chief except Jim Tanner. I will go to him; he need not come to me. I want Commanders in Chief Dave Palmer and Monfort. I believe they are the only two I have not taken care of. Will those past commanders in chief also meet me in the anteroom?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, in stating that a substitution of Comrade Bell had been made for Comrade Rassieur as chairman of the committee on resolutions, I neglected to state the cause of it. It is because of Comrade Rassieur's voice not being equal for the duties of the committee. I am told that they do a great deal of talking on that committee, and it requires a voice as well as a man.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will again state with reference to communications from individuals, to avoid any comrade getting up to make a motion that certain things shall be done, if you have a communication just announce it and it will be referred.

The next thing in order is the report of committees. Have we any committee ready to report? I presume there are none of the committees ready to report. The next order of business is unfinished business. Under this head, if the encampment sees fit, it may name the place of our next meeting.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move you that we now proceed to select the place of our next encampment.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

Comrade DAN M. HALL, of Ohio. Commander in chief and comrades, as department commander of Ohio I come before you to take just a moment of your time and to ask you to come to Columbus, Ohio, next year for your annual encampment. (Applause.)

I hold in my hand a letter from the governor of the State, a letter from the mayor of the city, and a letter from the chamber of commerce, representing the business and moneyed men of the city, and I ask your indulgence for two or three minutes while I read them. [Reading:]

STATE OF OHIO,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Columbus, August 9, 1918.

*To the officers and members of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, Portland, Oreg.*

I have learned that an invitation will be extended to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to meet in Columbus, Ohio, in 1919.

As governor of Ohio, it gives me genuine pleasure to supplement this invitation by expressing the sincere hope that the members of your organization may find it agreeable to select the capital city of the Buckeye State as your next encampment city.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic may be assured of the most cordial reception and hospitable welcome. Our State will esteem it a distinct privilege and an honor to entertain the members of your organization in the 1919 encampment.

Very cordially yours,

JAMES M. COX, *Governor.*

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,  
Columbus, Ohio, August 10, 1918.

*To the officers and members of the Fifty-second National Encampment, G. A. R., in convention assembled, Portland, Oreg.*

GENTLEMEN: As mayor of the city of Columbus, which some 30 years ago had the pleasure and pride of your presence with us in the national encampment of that year, I do sincerely urge and do cordially invite you to give this city again the very great pleasure of entertaining you in your fifty-third national encampment.

In these days when the responsibilities of American citizenship and the glory and the dependability and the sacrifices of American soldiery are being tested in that way which only you men who have been through like ordeals can most deeply appreciate, the honor of having you this coming year as the city's guests will be even greater than the honor you did us 30 years ago. Especially will the coming year's encampment be of moment, because in all possibilities the Nation's men will either be conducting the final campaign of victory for the cause of democracy or will be again taking its place in the field of peace. To us and to you, then, this coming year's development will be of the greatest interest and moment and one in which we with you will take the greatest of pride.

Again I urge with the greatest earnestness and with the most sincere desire that we be favored by you in this year of 1919, a year that will probably go down in world history as the greatest of all years affecting mankind.

Very sincerely,

GEORGE J. KARR, *Mayor.*

THE COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
Columbus, Ohio, August 10, 1918.

*Officers and members Fifty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Portland, Oreg.*

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the leading and representative business men of this city, who comprise the membership of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, it is our pleasure to urge that your organization hold its 1919 encampment here. The entire citizenship of Columbus would feel most proud to entertain your esteemed and honored organization, and every possible effort would be extended to make your visit here one of pleasure and comfort.

No city of the United States is more noted for its hospitality and entertainment of conventions than is Columbus. Countless conventions and similar gatherings meet in Columbus yearly, and the people of the city have become accustomed to making every effort to the end that delegates to such gatherings may be fittingly entertained and taken care of while visiting the city.

Columbus is fortunate in possessing more splendid hotels and places of amusement than any city of its size in the country. These establishments are thrown open at very reasonable charges and with a spirit of hearty cordiality and hospitality which insures a royal welcome and the best possible entertainment to convention visitors.

In accessibility Columbus is unsurpassed by any city in the Middle West, being the converging point for practically all the trunk line railroads east and west.

It will give the Columbus Chamber of Commerce great pleasure to welcome you should you choose this city for your 1919 encampment and to place the facilities of our organization at your service to the end that this splendid city shall be wholly yours during your stay.

Trusting that nothing will prevent your taking advantage of the hospitality offered you and with best wishes for a successful, profitable, and pleasant session of your encampment, we are,

Yours, very cordially,

THE COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
HENRY A. WILLIAMS, *President.*  
J. T. DANIELS, *Secretary.*

I just simply want to say, my comrades, that we have 27 railroads, steam and electric, centering in Columbus from all points of the compass. We have the best street car system in the United States, eight tickets for a quarter and universal transfer. No city of 250,000 people in the United States has better hotel accommodations than Columbus. I simply say in closing, if you will come to Columbus next year we will take care of you. I thank you.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander in chief and comrades, I will not read the invitation from our governor, our mayor, and our association of commerce. I trust that you will know that I have them here. The invitation of the mayor is most cordial. The governor is a real war governor. He is the only governor that would not permit a meeting of the Non-Partisan League, and there has not been one held by reason of this fact. St. Paul also gives a cordial invitation. We have a young, patriotic and progressive mayor, and an association of commerce with 5,000 members, business men, and they promise to take care of you.

Now, we want to be fair. Last year we were down East on the Atlantic; this year here on the great and mighty Pacific. Why not go next to the great Father of Waters, where you will be treated fine and well? I urgently request you to come to St. Paul for your next encampment.

Remember, Ohio had the encampment only a few years ago, and we have not had one in Minnesota for a long time. Remember, the invitation is most cordial. If you come we will treat you just as fine as they are treating you in Portland, and that will be pretty hard to do. You are all cordially welcome. Come to the great North Star State, right adjoining the city of Minneapolis, where we will have 700,000 people to take care of you and give you the best care you ever had.

(Following are the communications referred to by Past Commander in Chief Van Sant:)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
St. Paul, Minn., August 10, 1918.

MR. ORLANDO A. SOMERS,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,  
Hotel Multnomah, Portland, Oreg.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of the city of St. Paul, Minn., its municipal officials and citizenship, I desire to join most sincerely and hopefully with our local G. A. R. post in the invitation to hold the 1919 national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic in St. Paul.

If I remember rightly, the last time St. Paul was honored by being chosen host to your convention was in 1896, and I believe that convention has gone down in the history of your splendid organization as one of its largest and most successful annual gatherings.

The city of St. Paul, capital city of Minnesota, is justly proud of its record for loyalty, patriotism, and whole-hearted support of the Federal Government in prosecution of the present world conflict to a speedy and successful issue. In this regard our fair city is willing to concede no superiority to any of its sister American municipalities.

The good people of St. Paul take honest pride in the reputation it has established as a convention city and on their and my own behalf I assure you of a most hospitable reception and that no effort shall be spared that will make for the convenience, comfort and entertainment of your delegates if you should, as is sincerely hoped, select St. Paul as your 1919 convention city.

Aside from its well-known hospitality St. Paul possesses all of the requisites for holding pleasant and successful conventions, including a municipal auditorium second to none in the country, with a seating capacity that can be extended to nearly 10,000, first-class and ample hotel facilities, and an abundance



of recreation spots, such as lakes, parks, parkways, and river drives. Nature has been very good to St. Paul and our people are ever desirous of sharing these God-given beauties with the visitors within our gates.

Again assuring you of the deep sincerity in which this invitation is extended, trusting that you will honor us by accepting it, and wishing you a most successful convention, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully, yours,

L. C. HODGSON, *Mayor.*

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ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION,  
PUBLIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, COMMERCE BUILDING,  
*St. Paul, Minn., August 15, 1918.*

HON. ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,  
National Encampment, Portland, Oreg.*

SIR: The St. Paul Association of Public and Business Affairs, an organization of 5,000 members of St. Paul's business and commercial men, and representing 150 lines of business, hereby extend to you and your officers a most hearty and cordial invitation to make St. Paul your convention city for your next encampment.

For the use of your convention, we will be pleased to furnish, free of charge, the most magnificent auditorium in the country. Our publicity department will also be pleased to cooperate with you in every way possible, both before and during the convention, while our convention committee will place at your disposal the services of its secretary for your use during the period of your convention.

It has been a long time since the Grand Army of the Republic met in convention in this section of the country, and we wish to have the inspiration of your presence with us.

Yours, very truly,

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION,  
E. M. McMAHON,  
*General Secretary.*

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I rise to second the nomination of Columbus.

Comrade ASA CURL, of Colorado and Wyoming. As commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and having been born in the Buckeye State, I second the nomination of Columbus. \*

Comrade JAMES S. SEBREE, South Dakota seconds the nomination of St. Paul.

Comrade C. E. CLINE, of Oregon. I have lived in St. Paul, and served from that State in the war. The encampment comes in August, in a hot month. St. Paul has a good climate at that time, and they have water there next to that of Portland. I want to second the nomination of St. Paul.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I rise to second the nomination of Columbus. I recollect that when we were in St. Paul, or Minneapolis, which is a little farther north than St. Paul, we went up there with the idea we were going into a cool climate; and I think there were more sunstrokes there than we ever had in any other encampment that we have had.

Comrade GEORGE D. BREED, of Wisconsin. Wisconsin seconds the nomination of St. Paul.

Comrade S. F. STREET, of Washington and Alaska. In behalf of my 26 delegates from Washington and Alaska I want to second the invitation from my native State of Ohio—Columbus.

Comrade DAVID S. HOWARD, of Michigan. I voice the sentiment of the Department of Michigan in favor of Columbus, Ohio.



Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. I want to second the nomination of Columbus. We have been told by the Commissioner of Pensions that we have more veterans of the Civil War in Ohio than in any other State in the Union.

Comrade CHRISTIAN QUIEN, of Connecticut. We are for Columbus.

Comrade LE VANT DODGE, of Kentucky. Comrades, without disparagement of any of the noble cities who now or at any other time invite us to partake of their hospitality, I want to say that the thrill of the welcome and of the parade in the streets of Columbus 30 years ago remains in my heart to-day, and Kentucky seconds the nomination of Columbus.

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I move that the nominations close.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

Comrades W. H. Halliday, of Ohio, and Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota, were appointed by the commander in chief as tellers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will call the roll, and you will announce your vote.

Following is the result of the roll call:

Department.	Columbus.	St. Paul.
Alabama.....	4	.....
Arizona.....	3	.....
Arkansas.....	9	.....
California and Nevada.....	34	2
Colorado and Wyoming.....	8	3
Connecticut.....	9	.....
Delaware.....	1	.....
Florida.....	.....	4
Georgia and South Carolina.....	7	.....
Idaho.....	14	.....
Illinois.....	24	9
Indiana.....	18	2
Iowa.....	31	.....
Kansas.....	24	.....
Kentucky.....	6	.....
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	9	.....
Maryland.....	9	.....
Massachusetts.....	25	.....
Michigan.....	19	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	11
Missouri.....	11	1
Montana.....	6	5
Nebraska.....	11	11
New Hampshire.....	2	5
New Jersey.....	14	.....
New Mexico.....	1	5
New York.....	48	.....
North Dakota.....	.....	11
Ohio.....	40	.....
Oklahoma.....	13	.....
Oregon.....	11	11
Pennsylvania.....	46	.....
Total.....	457	80

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT (during the calling of the roll). It is a good thing to know when you are licked. There are other days coming. I was licked twice for governor and twice for commander in chief. I got both by being a good loser, and I move now that the proceedings stop and that we make it unanimous for Columbus. I was mistaken. I see they want to go there, and we should make it unanimous.

Comrade J. H. CROWDER, of Illinois. Second the motion.

Comrade EDWIN F. KENRICK, of Minnesota. I second the motion to make it unanimous for Columbus.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those favoring the motion will say aye. There is nobody to say no. The motion is carried.

We have a communication that the adjutant general will read.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE [reading:]

HEADQUARTERS CAMP LEWIS,  
JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE,  
Camp Lewis, Wash., August 15, 1918.

Maj. Gen. SOMERS,

*Commander in Chief, G. A. R., Portland, Oreg.*

DEAR GENERAL: On August 24, 1918, a grand celebration, to be known as "Veterans' Day," will be held at Camp Lewis, Wash., in honor of the veterans of the Army and Navy of the United States.

Governors of the various States sending troops to this cantonment, and the mayors' and veterans' associations from adjacent cities, are being asked to participate in this event.

A program of military, athletic, and musical events, with 4-minute talks by veterans and celebrities, will be the order of the day.

Your presence, together with all Grand Army of the Republic members, would be highly appreciated by all, and you are urgently requested to attend.

Very respectfully,

Capt. L. G. CARR,  
*Chairman Veterans' Day Committee.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the communication.

Comrade J. D. WALKER, of Pennsylvania. I move you, sir, that the communication be received and filed, and that it be accepted, and those that can go, go.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there a second to that motion? [Several comrades seconded the motion.] The motion is that the communication be received, and that those who can attend, accept it. Those favoring the motion will say aye. Contrary, no. Carried.

I want to say that that is one of the most splendid cantonments in the United States. I have had the pleasure of visiting it. It is the best place to get an idea and take the measure of our soldiers, I think, anywhere in the United States, and to contrast the men of the great Northwest with the men of the East and South. And I must further say, without reflection against my own State or any other, I have never seen such a fine body of soldiers anywhere in the Republic as I saw at Camp Lewis. [Applause.]

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I move you that we proceed to the election of officers at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Comrade ALFRED ATKINS, of New Jersey. I second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The election of officers comes in the regular order of business. I don't know what the state of our affairs will be at 11 o'clock. It will take a two-thirds majority to suspend

the rules in order to take up this question. I think we better let the business run its regular course. If we can be ready for it at 11 o'clock, amen. If we are not ready for it then—

Comrade ROBERTS. I was unaware of the fact that we had an order of business. In view of that fact, I withdraw the motion.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. I have a list of letters that are at headquarters, and I know many of you are interested. We have tried to deliver them and have failed, in part. Here is a list of the names of persons who have letters at headquarters. [Reading the same.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there anything further to come before the encampment at this time? Comrades, we have a memorial that can be presented now—a memorial to Harvey M. Trimble, past commander in chief, who died since our last encampment. It will now be presented by Comrade Inman, of Illinois. Hear this memorial.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN, past department commander of Illinois. Commander in chief and other comrades: In the transition of Comrade Harvey Marion Trimble, Illinois lost her last past commander in chief, and with him this encampment will, no doubt, reverently recall Comrades Benjamin F. Stephenson, S. A. Hurlbut, John A. Logan, Thos. G. Lawler, James A. Sexton, and John C. Black, an honor roll of which the Department of Illinois and the national encampment justly may feel proud.

To me has come the distinguished honor of presenting a tribute to the memory of this illustrious comrade, that it may become a part of the proceedings of this encampment. [Reading.]

(The memorial appears at page 263 of this journal.)

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I move the adoption of the memorial and that a place be assigned to it in the journal, and that this motion be adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade ADDISON JONES, of Illinois. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion that the memorial be adopted and have a place in the proceedings of our encampment. You will vote on this by a rising vote. All in favor of this motion will make it known by rising to their feet. Carried:

Are there any other memorials to be presented at this time? I call the attention of the comrades from Pennsylvania to the fact that one should be presented for Comrade Stewart.

Comrade S. P. TOWN of Pennsylvania. I thought this was a rather unusual way.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think it is unusual, but I approve of it. I think it ought to be done now.

Comrade TOWN. I will state to the commander that we have a memorial, and I move that I have authority to send it to the adjutant general to be placed in the record. We have it already prepared, but not with us. We presented it at the department encampment, and I did not think to bring it.

Comrade S. D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. In order to get this properly before the encampment, I move that this memorial be accepted as read and printed in the proceedings.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That has already been done, my friend. The motion is that it be accepted and be printed in the proceedings of this encampment.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. In order that they may understand, the memorial is to our Past Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart.

Comrade A. G. BEATTY, of Iowa. I do not understand that there was any memorial read here yet; and that was the motion, that it be printed as read.

Comrade S. P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. There was presented at the encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania a memorial for Past Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart. The motion is now that that be presented here as if it was read here and placed on the records of the national encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is that the memorial presented by the Department of Pennsylvania and adopted by them be adopted by this encampment and become a part of our proceedings. That motion has been seconded. Those favoring the motion—

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. I have no objection to the adoption of this motion, but it seems to me that we ought to have our own proceedings that we adopt, not the proceedings of the Department of Pennsylvania. I knew Comrade Stewart well, as the inconspicuous member that I was of the encampment for years. I esteemed him highly and was always glad to greet him. And if you will allow me to say it, comrades, I like this innovation we had this afternoon in regard to Comrade Trimble, admirable in spirit, chaste in tone. It is to a comrade who passed over who recently was at the head of this order, last year sat in this seat at Boston, participated in the encampment proceedings; his voice gone out from us forever. And so with Comrade Stewart. I wish Pennsylvania might have honored this heroic and noble comrade that we all loved and honored by bringing in a brief tribute here on this floor. I shall vote for the motion, but I was looking at Tanner. The time will come when that voice will be hushed. I would be sorry to have simply a committee draft some resolutions that none of us would know anything about until we read the proceedings, and some of us would not read them. A man who has been so conspicuous, a man who has been at the head of this order, ought to be a part of the record of these proceedings in the annual encampment when he goes out. So I hope the innovation begun to-day may continue in the years to come. May we not have any next year, but the chances are we will. Who it will be no one knows. I favor the motion, and hope it will be adopted, that we accept the proceedings of Pennsylvania with regard to Comrade Stewart and make them a part of our own.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. In view of the remarks that have been made, is it not possible to cover that point by eliminating any reference to the action of the Pennsylvania encampment, and simply make the proceedings show that the record introduced is the record of this encampment? I offer that as a suggestion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is my understanding of the disposition to be made of it.

Comrade S. D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. My motion was that this memorial which the comrade from Pennsylvania said had been prepared, and which, in the first instance, I supposed had been prepared to be brought here and had been omitted—I did not understand that it was part of the proceedings of the Department of Pennsylvania—that that memorial be accepted as if read here and adopted by us. That covers this case.

Comrade S. P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. We accepted that.

Comrade WEBSTER. In the post to which I belong we carefully, on the death of any comrade, prepare a memorial, prepare it in several copies, and we set forth his services and his virtues which we ought to emulate, and we send a copy of it to his family, besides spreading it on our records. We ought to do as much for any member of this encampment who passes over, and I hope that my motion will prevail.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think the question is well understood. All favoring the motion will make it known by saying "aye." The motion is carried unanimously, and the memorial prepared by Pennsylvania will be adopted as the memorial presented to this encampment and become a part of our proceedings.

(The memorial to Past Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart will be found at page 261 of this Journal.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there anything further to come before this encampment at this time?

Comrade JAMES R. GOSS, of Montana. I ask for information in regard to the matter of the meeting of the committee on resolutions before we disperse.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee on resolutions will meet immediately upon recess in this room to the right. Is there anything further to come before this encampment at this time?

Comrade C. A. B. FOX, of South Dakota. I have a little matter I would like to bring before this encampment which, I think, will interest you all. The matter is about the memorial exercises to be used on Memorial Day. This Nation never has had one, and I have one prepared. I am prepared now to bring this before your minds. I don't know whether it ought to go before the committee on resolutions or be brought up on the floor. I have talked with the commander, but I would like for this encampment to know what it is.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Present it to the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. I am not here to speak, but to save a little time. Our present commander in chief was called upon during his term, by reason of the death of two members of the board of trustees of the permanent fund and the failure of the last encampment to elect a successor to the third, whose term had expired, to appoint three trustees of that fund to serve until this encampment should meet. Cummings of New York died, and we suggested to the commander in chief that he appoint Comrade James D. Bell, and it was done. Tom Stewart died and Comrade Patterson has filled the place since then. And Judge Beers was appointed to succeed Comrade Warnock, of Ohio, whose term had expired. Now, I take it that those comrades are all so well known that we will unani-



mously agree, and the motion I make is that each one of these three be elected to succeed himself for the ensuing three years. Our versatile quartermaster explains to me the minutia of the affair. Under the rules it must be Comrade Patterson, of Pennsylvania, for one year, Comrade Beers, of Connecticut, for the two-year term, and Comrade Bell, of New York, for the three-year term. So if it pleases you I make that as a motion to save time and to expedite the business.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion that the appointees of the commander in chief to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of term and by death during the past year shall be continued severally for one, two, and three years. All favoring that will make it known by saying aye. Those opposed no. Carried. I am very glad, indeed, to have your approval of my action of the past year in the appointment of these trustees.

Is there anything further?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief JOHN M. VERNON. I move you, sir, that we now take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Comrade ADDISON JONES, of Illinois. I second that motion.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. It is a little after half past 3. To-morrow you will need a good deal more of time. Why not economize a little of the time to-morrow by occupying it this afternoon. So I am on my feet to move that we proceed now not to the election, but to the nomination of candidates for the offices for the next year.

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. Second the motion.

Comrade A. J. SHOWERS, of Missouri. I take pleasure in seconding the motion of Comrade Tanner.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is that we proceed to the nomination of officers for the ensuing year—not the election, because that will be the last thing. Those favoring that motion will make it known by saying aye. Contrary, no. The motion seems to have been carried.

Comrade C. H. W. RUHE, of Pennsylvania. I offer as a motion that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, the rules and regulations provide that the nominating speeches shall not exceed 10 minutes and the seconds shall not exceed 5 minutes. The Chair will be governed by these rules without a motion. Comrades, we have important business now, and our progress depends upon the order we have. The roll will be called for nominations for commander in chief.

The roll of departments was called by the adjutant general without the presentation of a candidate until the Department of Nebraska was reached.

Comrade J. S. HOAGLAND, of Nebraska. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as department commander of Nebraska, I desire to present for your consideration for the office of commander in chief, Comrade Clarendon E. Adams, of Omaha, Nebr. [Applause.]

My personal acquaintance with Comrade Adams reaches back over nearly a half century, and I have always known him as honest



in all business matters, gracious and gentlemanly in social life, and the most persistent purveyor of patriotic propaganda among his comrades and his fellow citizens of any man I ever knew.

As a soldier of the Fifth Wisconsin Light Artillery he gave our Nation valiant service during the Civil War. To recount to you the many battles he fought and the trials and hardships he endured on the march and in other fields of activity would simply be a repetition of your own conduct, comrades, and the hardships and trials of thousands and hundreds of thousands of our comrades during the Civil War. On June 7, 1865, Comrade Adams was honorably mustered out of war service, and he immediately became a leader of men in peaceful pursuits. He became a teacher of pure patriotism as a plan of preparedness in our Nation in time of peace in case another war should come and we should want patriotic man power to fight.

Another war has come and we are again defending the rights of liberty and self-government. We are defending those rights against the most powerful, the most unscrupulous foe that ever fought any war. We are defending them against the most mighty and murderous military machine ever conceived and controlled by men working under selfish impulses. But, thank God, the patriotism taught to our boys and girls during the past half century by the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies, and thousands of such men as Comrade Adams, this Government when it entered this war found itself 100 per cent prepared with patriotic man power to check the Kaiser in his damnable assault upon civilization. [Applause.]

When the war first commenced Comrade Adams patriotically offered his services to the Nation in any capacity in which he could be of benefit. His services were not accepted at that time, but later on, when certain officers came to know of his qualifications, he was accepted for service, and during the past few months Comrade Adams has been actively engaged as an inspector of military supplies, and is assisting in speeding those military supplies across the water to our brave boys in France. Such activities have oftentimes taken him long distances from his home in Omaha and his valuable interest there. It has been a large sacrifice on his part, but Comrade Adams is a man who is ever ready to lay upon the altar of his country a full measure of sacrifice. He has been tried in many places of trust and responsibility and has never yet been found wanting.

As department commander of Nebraska a quarter of a century ago he spent much time and money for the upbuilding of our organization and the promotion of its patriotic principles. As a member of the committee on pensions of this organization he has done much toward assisting the comrades along the line of pension legislation. As a member of the Gettysburg commission his activities contributed very largely toward making that great meeting the success that it was. As a member of the council of administration of this body, and of its executive committee, you have always found Comrade Adams performing his duty in an able and efficient manner.

Comrade Adams's conduct toward his fellow men is controlled by the sentiments of love and a desire to always perform his duty in a

proper manner. I know of no better way to express the sentiments that control his actions than to repeat to you the sentiment expressed by an old friend of mine, Dr. J. H. Canfield, who was chancellor of the University of Nebraska for a number of years and afterwards became librarian at Cambridge, Mass. He composed this little verse, which expresses the sentiment that controls the life and conduct of Comrade Adams:

It matters little where I was born,  
 Or if my parents were rich or poor;  
 Whether they shrank from the cold world's scorn,  
 Or walked in the pride of wealth secure.  
 But whether I live an honest man,  
 And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,  
 I tell you, my comrades, as plain as I can,  
 That matters much!

It matters little how long I stay  
 In a world of sorrow, sin, and care;  
 Whether in youth I am called away,  
 Or live till my bones of flesh are bare.  
 But whether I do the best I can  
 To soften the weight of adversity's touch  
 On the faded cheek of my fellow man,  
 That matters much!

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The comrade's time has expired. What is the pleasure of the encampment?

Comrade HOAGLAND. Just one moment. Perhaps you counted the time when I was walking up to the platform.

It matters little where be my grave;  
 If on the land, or in the sea,  
 By purling brook, 'neath stormy wave—  
 It matters little or nought to me.  
 But whether the angel of death comes down  
 And marks my brow with a loving touch,  
 As one that shall wear the victor's crown,  
 That matters much!

Those are the sentiments that control Comrade Adams.

Nebraska is proud of him as a soldier of the Civil War and as a citizen of our State for many years. Wisconsin is proud of him as one of its brave soldiers. And I take great pleasure now in nominating for the high office of commander in chief Comrade Clarendon E. Adams, of Omaha, Nebr. [Applause.]

The calling of the roll was continued by the adjutant general without further nominations until Washington and Alaska were reached.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington. Commander and comrades, in behalf of Washington and the furthestmost part of the United States—Alaska—we present to you to-day the name of a candidate.

In all of the 52 years of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Northwest has never yet received the honor of placing in nomination and electing a commander in chief, and we feel that it is due to us in Washington, and in the Northwest especially, that we be honored at least once during the history of the Grand Army of the Republic before it shall have passed out as a living organization.

I take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of Comrade Hurd [applause], a man who served in the Fourteenth Connecticut Regiment for three years and a little over, a man who has been a resident of the State of Washington for 32 years, a man who has had the honor of being department commander of Washington and Alaska some 10 or 15 years ago.

A very successful campaign during the year that he was commander of our department followed. During the term of his office more members were taken into our department, I think, than any other year before or since, showing that he was an earnest, zealous, hard worker as department commander; and I assure you that he will do his duty if you honor him and us in the Northwest by placing the gavel in his hands for the coming year.

We in the Northwest have some 12 or 15 States. We come to you asking that nothing but justice be done to us. This side of the Mississippi River, or this side of the Missouri River at least, no State has been honored with the honor of commander in chief save alone the State of Nebraska, which has had it already twice. They are asking for it for the third time. We in the Northwest, representing all of the States this side of the Missouri, with the exception of Nebraska, ask to be honored once in this honorable position. We in the Northwestern States, including the Pacific States, feel that in justice and right we should have this honor, not only in justice for our location but in consideration of the qualifications of our candidate; we are asking this honorable position for Comrade Hurd.

You will make no mistake if you support our candidate, because he will be a success as commander in chief as he has been a success in his own private business, in public office in Seattle, in offices in the Department of Washington and Alaska, as a member of the council of administration, and as a frequent attendant at national encampments, of which he has attended many.

I trust and hope that you will not forget the great Northwest, which represents almost one-half of the territory and 25 per cent of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States without having to this date had a single commander in chief except the two that we have had from Nebraska. [Applause.]

The roll call was continued and concluded without any further nominations being made.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The roll call is completed. The roll will now be called for seconds, no speech to exceed five minutes. A two minute and a half speech is preferable.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, and the following proceedings were had:

Comrade A. V. COLE, of California and Nevada. Having been commander of the Department of Nebraska several years ago and having associated myself with Comrade Adams for 35 years, I take great pleasure in seconding his nomination. I am satisfied that this encampment—I hope you won't attempt to frustrate me. I am speaking for myself. I am speaking for nobody else. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Adams from the simple fact that I was associated with him in Nebraska so many years ago. I am a past commander of Nebraska, but now I am associated with California. I do

not desire to take up the time of this encampment another minute. Comrade Adams is a splendid man.

Comrade W. M. SCOTT, of Georgia and South Carolina. I have come 3,000 miles to see Clare Adams go over the top, sir.

Comrade F. T. PAGE, of Idaho. Idaho seconds the nomination of Comrade Hurd, of Washington.

Comrade DAVID TAYLOR, of Kansas. I speak for myself. I speak for Hurd, of Washington. I do not speak for anybody but myself.

Comrade J. H. CROWDER, of Illinois. Illinois seconds the nomination of Adams.

Comrade W. W. SMITH, of Kansas. Kansas desires to second the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Comrade LE VANT DODGE, of Kentucky. I want to add a word in appreciation of the great Northwest. Last year at the city of Boston I had made up my mind to cast my vote for Atlantic City as the next place of meeting; but I heard the eloquent appeal of Past Commander in Chief Burton for the Northwest, and I had heard him say before that one would not need to go to heaven if he could come here. I disclaim any willingness to forego heaven, but in view of all that we have experienced here I feel anxious to postpone that event just as long as possible. We have been entertained here royally; nowhere better; perhaps nowhere as well. But we are now about to elect a commander in chief. Five years ago at Chattanooga I had the privilege and pleasure of seconding, with all the emphasis that I could command, the nomination of another man than the man from Nebraska, who came so near election and yet proved so fair. I noted his manly appearance in withdrawing at that time when the predominant sentiment of the encampment seemed evident. I have known something of him since and had testimony from various sources, and now, with the greatest pleasure and all my heart, I second the nomination of Clarendon E. Adams, of Nebraska.

Comrade R. A. PARKER, of Michigan. Michigan desires to second the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. May I say just a word in addition to that? Somebody has said that all the world likes a good loser. Every man with red blood in his veins appreciates his fellow man who can stand four-square to every wind that blows. Every man of a charitable disposition at least rejoices to see the man who can come back. We had a meeting the other night of the Michigan delegation, where these qualities and others were understood to have been exemplified in Comrade Adams, and every man in that delegation said, "We will vote for Clare Adams for commander in chief when the proper time comes." That is Michigan's voice at this time.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Speaking for the unanimous vote present from New York, I have intense pleasure in seconding the nomination of Clarendon E. Adams, of Nebraska. I have known him for a great, long while, through and through. You can rest assured you will make no mistake, and he will carry the gavel as equally poised and hold the standard of the Grand Army as high and bring it back as unstained as any one of his predecessors. [Applause.]



Comrade JOHN W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. North Dakota seconds the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Comrade W. S. TILTON, of Oklahoma. As a past member of the Department of Nebraska it gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Comrade Adams for Commander in Chief. I regard him as of that fine moral fiber which is patriotic through and through, and which never at any time since the close of the War of the Rebellion has been surpassed by man or woman in his endeavor to make the country more patriotic than ever before.

Comrade T. H. STEVENS, of Oregon. At the request of the Oregon delegation it is my pleasure and privilege at this time to second the nomination of Comrade Hurd, the Northwestern candidate for this honorable position. It looks from the report that is coming back that it is a forlorn hope, but no matter. We are good losers and we will stand by the Northwest. I second the nomination of Comrade Hurd.

Comrade S. P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. On a former occasion when Comrade Adams was a candidate I seconded his nomination. I am now authorized by the delegation to second the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Comrade JOHN A. MEDBERY, of Rhode Island. If it is in order I would not hesitate to place the vote of 21 of Rhode Island, but there are only 4 here—we are short—for Adams.

Comrade JAMES S. SEBREE, of South Dakota. South Dakota seconds the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Comrade C. B. DUNNING, of Washington and Alaska. It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of a man from the Northwest on this occasion; a man from the good old Second Corps, who followed Hancock through all the battles of the Army of the Potomac to the final surrender at Appomattox; a man who, in this Northwest where we have had trouble with the I. W. W.'s, has taken his stand for law and order, and has helped to send these slackers back to Chicago for trial. There is no comrade in the United States who has taken a more lively interest in our country, our patriotism, and the glories of our flag. He has stood by McAdoo and the bonds that he is selling, and he has helped to place the slackers where they belong. He stands for our country, right, or wrong, and he stands for our flag. It gives me pleasure to second the nomination of Comrade Hurd from the great Northwest. Comrades, you have had many able men, many great men to lead you in this organization, but I assure you if you elect Comrade Hurd to this honorable position that you will find that he is the peer of any man that has ever held this honorable position. He will visit all of the States of the East and he will be glad to meet you all, and you, I think, will be proud of Comrade Hurd.

Comrade GEORGE D. BREED, of Wisconsin. Wisconsin seconds the nomination of Comrade Adams.

Which concluded the calling of the roll for seconding speeches.

Comrade EDWIN M. STANLEY, of Massachusetts. I would ask the privilege that the assistant adjutant general of Massachusetts speak a few words for Comrade Bradley. All of you who visited Boston last year know of the indefatigable work he did for your entertain-

ment. Comrade Bradley could not come and he wished our assistant adjutant general to represent him, and I ask the privilege.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, will you grant the privilege and allow the assistant adjutant general of Massachusetts to occupy 5 minutes of your time in reference to Comrade Bradley, of Massachusetts?

Comrade PHILIP A. NORDELL, of Massachusetts. I was very sorry not to be here when Massachusetts was called for, but I was engaged in a very important duty. The committee to visit and carry the greetings of this assembly to the Daughters of Veterans were performing that service at that time. We were there, and I arrived here just in time to learn that Massachusetts had been called for and had not responded.

I have the privilege this afternoon of saying just a word for a comrade, who is well known to practically all of you, a comrade who has twice retired from the nomination for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Two years ago, at Kansas City, Comrade Bradley, of Massachusetts, was nominated, but when he saw the tide that was setting for our beloved Past Commander in Chief Patterson, of Pennsylvania, in a most gracious and noble and patriotic way he arose and gave way for our Past Commander Patterson.

Last year we had the encampment in Boston, and we tried to do everything in our power to make the occasion a memorable one for all the comrades from every part of the country, and, from what I heard in the reports that came to me through the various departments, we succeeded fairly well.

There was another thing. There were many, on that occasion, who expected that Comrade Bradley, having withdrawn from the nomination in Kansas City, would allow his name to be presented then. He said, "No; we have the honor of entertaining the Grand Army of the United States in Boston at this time and we are not going to ask for any additional honors, and I am not going to allow my name to be presented."

His name is not presented to-day—not because he is a quitter, nothing of that kind; not because he is a slacker, not because he shrinks from any duty or any honor that may come to him, but, comrades, in response to all the letters that I could read to you if the time permitted, very many of the departments of the country have urged him to allow his name to be presented at this time—he has simply said, "No; I can not." And why?

Because the Government has called upon him for a service that absorbs all his time and thought and strength, a most important service, and he feels that any honor that can come to him, even from the Grand Army of the Republic, great as that honor may be, must take a second place beside his service to the country and to the flag at this time. [Applause.] Therefore, he has requested me to simply say that he does not withdraw. He is a young man yet, in the prime of life and vigor and strength, and some time, when this dreadful war is ended, perhaps, he may permit his name to be presented. Now he asks you simply not to allow it. Of course, I could not present his name if I had been in here at the time when Massachusetts



was called for. But this is the simple statement that I have to make, and with the understanding that Comrade Bradley is not a quitter, he simply asks that his name be not presented.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in chief and comrades, it is now within a few minutes of half past four. There are a number of committees to meet and consider the matters that come before them in order that they may report on the morrow. The committee on resolutions frequently takes six or seven hours. The committee on rules, and a number of other committees, require time. Again, bear in mind that you assistant adjutants general are to report at Liberty Temple by 5.30, and some of you, I think, need some time to consult with your respective delegations. I, therefore, now move that we take a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried, and the encampment, at 4.25 p. m., stood in recess until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1918—MORNING SESSION.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (9.25 a. m.). Comrades, we would like to have order. We have with us a soldier of the present war, and in my mind I am thinking he is contrasting our discipline with the boys of the present day. He is here for the purpose of inviting you to visit Camp Lewis, and I have given him time to make a brief invitation. Also a gentleman from the Commercial Club of Tacoma, I believe, is here; and I thought while our comrades were straggling in we would allow them that privilege.

Capt. T. G. Cook, United States Army, Camp Lewis, Wash. Comrades, I feel that although I am not a veteran in the sense that you are—my old daddy had four years in that famous war—being a son of a veteran, I can call myself a veteran in that respect. I just want to extend a cordial invitation to every man here, and your ladies as well, to Camp Lewis. On Saturday, the 24th, we are going to have the first annual Veterans' Day, and we are going to give you a "regular time." It will cost you nothing, which, of course, is a very big item. We are going to ration and quarter all the men right in the barracks. We have extra barracks there at the present time and we will show you how the boys of the present day live, sleep, and eat. In the afternoon we are going to give you a two-hour program in the large field, illustrating modern methods of warfare—that is, the training methods that we use on the other side. Such features as a gas-mask relay race, adjusting the mask and running 50 yards, and so on; trench jumping, wall scaling, and various things that we use, hand grenades, etc.. It may be new to some of you. Many of these things have changed. They are fighting over on the other side a good deal like gophers—come out and take a shot at a fellow and back again. It is a little different from the old battles that I have heard my daddy tell about. He was in a great many of them, and he is carrying quite a few souvenirs.

We want you all to be there. We will try and entertain you. Immediately after the field events will be an hour or two of rest, and then we will have a brigade band supported by the Pine Ship Building Band from the Todd and Foundation ship plants—80 pieces in the band. In the evening, at 9 o'clock, we have a large floor there and we are going to give you a dance, and the commanding officer will lead. [Laughter.] I just want to say, along that line, in regard to the dance, I insisted upon them having one or more Virginia reels and plain quadrilles. [Applause.] We want to see all of you men there. We will take care of all of you from the time you step off of the train, if you will just let us know when you are coming. We will have officers meet you and machines will pick you up and take you wherever you want to go and show you what they claim is the biggest camp in the United States. I am going to have Mr. King, in behalf of the Tacoma citizens, president of the chamber of commerce, tell you what he has to say. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. EDWARD KING, president Commercial Club, Tacoma, Wash. ~~Comrades~~, Capt. Cook and myself have been commanded by our new commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to come down here and present this invitation. I said to him that it was necessary that a military man should present this invitation, but he assured me that it was my duty because of my connection with Camp Lewis and as a citizen of that community to present this invitation to you.

I have been in a number of large gatherings—political, social, and fraternal—but I want to say to you that just the few moments I have had here this morning in connection with this meeting gives my mind the thought that I am now in the greatest gathering in which I have ever been privileged to be. I have been a speaker at the International Association of Rotary Clubs and at the Imperial Council of the Shrine for the last six years, and I have been moved at times, especially at the International Association, where we had Gén. Wood as one of our speakers, who lifted us from the floor on which we were seated and carried us clear across and placed us in the trenches for a whole day. Yet I want to say to you that we are impressed more when we look at a thing and when we see a thing than when we read it or have it told to us. As I look over your faces here this morning and at these suits it impressed my heart and my mind more than anything I have seen or heard in years gone by.

We are passing so rapidly from the individualistic to the social type of citizen. We are going through the world now shoulder to shoulder, and elbow to elbow. Now, that is a delightful way to travel if the other fellow will just keep his elbow out of your ribs. We are learning now and being taught, we of the younger generation, how to walk. The greatest lesson that the world has ever been taught or ever will be taught is how to walk by the side of your fellow man and enjoy all of the privileges that he has along with him and give him, too, the privileges which you enjoy. The link is binding us, although it is not always seen. The day has arrived in America among all of us as American citizens when we do not look at a man who has fallen and say, "Well, it is too bad. He made a mistake. He tripped. That was his own fault. He must look out for that." The time is passed by when there are jealousies existing in our hearts. The day is gone forever when we look at the other man's skeleton askance and walk the other side of the street. The day has arrived when you and I, as American citizens and American soldiers, are throwing our arms around our comrades and saying, "We are ready now to bear your burdens." [Applause.]

I just want to give you a little toast to the flag, if you will bear with me a moment.

Here's to the Red of it—  
 There's not a thread of it,  
 No, nor a shred of it  
 In all the spread of it,  
 From foot to head,  
 But heroes bled for it,  
 Faced steel and lead for it,  
 Precious blood shed for it,  
 Bathing it red.

Here's to the White of it—  
 Thrilled by the sight of it,  
 Who knows the right of it,  
 But feels the might of it,  
 Through day and night?  
 Womanhood's care for it  
 Made manhood dare for it;  
 Purity's prayer for it  
 Kept it so white.

Here's to the Blue of it—  
 Heavenly view of it,  
 Star-spangled hue of it,  
 Honesty's due to it,  
 Constant and true.  
 Here's to the whole of it,  
 Stars, stripes, and pole of it;  
 Here's to the soul of it—  
 Red, White, and Blue.

[Applause.]

The Spanish American War Veterans are taking care of all the transportation facilities from the depot in Tacoma out to Camp Lewis. All of the other arrangements have been made by Capt. Cook, who has the whole thing in charge. Tacoma Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce bid you welcome and promise you that they will do everything in their power to make your comfort the best that is possible while you stay; and it is the wish of the commanding officer, and all of the officers of the camp, and all of the 35,000 men who are there, to make this the great red letter day in the history of any cantonment by making it and establishing it with eight of the governors of the different States who are to be there, as an annual Veterans' Day for all the men of all the wars.

The captain informs me that the idea is to come at your leisure when you are adjourned, and when you arrive at the depot the autos will meet you there. You come on any train that you can get from Portland to Tacoma. The distance is about five hours. The fare is about \$6, I believe. I think there are about six trains a day running regularly between Portland and Tacoma. You are to sleep right in the barracks at the camp, and will be fed there. You won't have a thing to do, but do as the other fellow says. [Applause.]

Comrade S. E. GILL, of Pennsylvania. I move that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Chamber of Commerce, of Tacoma, and to Camp Lewis, and that those attend who can.

Comrade J. G. OULSON, of Illinois. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All favoring this motion will rise to their feet. The motion was to tender a vote of thanks to Camp Lewis for this invitation. I guess you will all concur in that.

Comrade LEVI LONGFELLOW, of Minnesota. I move to amend that motion, that we accept the invitation and as many as possible of us avail ourselves of that privilege.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is taken by consent. The motion is carried. Everybody go that wants to, and can.

We will now resume the business of the encampment. Let's have order. We will proceed in an orderly way and get through with it. The adjutant general wishes to call the names of some of the departments that some of the positions may be filled that are vacant.

Adj't. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. Three departments have not reported their members of the council of administration or of the committee on resolutions. They are Arizona, Louisiana and Mississippi, and West Virginia. Is there anyone here representing these departments? The assistant adjutant general of West Virginia reported at headquarters and drew 20 badges for this encampment. Arizona also reported. I am afraid they came to visit Portland instead of attending the encampment. One other matter. Delaware failed to report a member of the committee on resolutions.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I have a communication which the adjutant general will read.

Whereupon the adjutant general read the following telegram:

OAKLAND, CAL., August 21, 1918.

Commander in Chief SOMERS,

*National Encampment, G. A. R., Portland, Oreg.*

To the heroes of the Civil War, and who have sons and grandsons "somewhere in France," the women and girl workers of the Civil War, '61-'65, send greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and successful encampment.

ANNA A. CAMERON, *Secretary.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The next in order will be the reports of committees. The committee on the address of the commander in chief.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon took the chair and Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the commander in chief, heartily approves the same, both as to form and substance. It contains a clear and comprehensive statement of administrative work covering the official year of the commander in chief and reflects great credit upon his patriotism and fidelity to the welfare of our order. It is an able paper and will rank well with the addresses of those of his most-honored predecessors in office.

The liberal pension legislation enacted by the present Congress and the generous concessions made by the Government in the way of reduced fares to this encampment especially distinguish his administration, and the Grand Army of the Republic is under a lasting debt of gratitude to the commander in chief for his efficient and faithful services rendered in securing these valuable results.

As an expression of our hearty appreciation of his services and of our esteem and admiration for his high character, your committee recommends that a suitable testimonial be procured and presented to Comrade Somers in accordance with established custom.

Respectfully submitted.

ELL TORRANCE,  
WASHINGTON GARDNER,  
W. J. PATTERSON,  
*Committee.*

I move the adoption of the report by a rising vote.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. And that the recommendations be concurred in.

The JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER. All in favor of this motion as amended will signify it by rising. The vote is unanimous.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief JOHN M. VERNON. I appoint the following committee to carry out the recommendations of the committee on the address of the commander in chief with reference to a testimonial: Past Commanders in Chief Ell Torrance and W. J. Patterson and Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits.



The commander in chief resumed the chair.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades will be in order. The report of the committee on other officers, except the report of the judge advocate general.

Comrade GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, of Potomac. I beg a little indulgence in regard to this report. I just now came out of the committee on resolutions. I will be ready to report in a moment.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. The committee on the report of the judge advocate general and on the appeal from the decision of the commander in chief, J. W. Willett, of Iowa, chairman.

Comrade J. ANDREW WILT, of Pennsylvania. I am on that committee with Judge Willett. We have prepared our report, but he is not here. I have not seen him yet this morning, and he has the report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. He told me he would be detained to have it put in type. I expect that is the cause of the delay.

The comrades will now hear the report of the committee on reports of other officers.

The following report was read by the chairman of the committee, Comrade George H. Slaybaugh, of Potomac:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

PORTLAND, OREG., August 22, 1918.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND COMRADES:

Your committee has examined the reports of the several officers of the encampment, submitted to it for examination and report, and finds that the officers have all taken a commendable interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that they have faithfully and promptly performed the duties attaching to their respective offices or that were assigned to them by the commander in chief.

Nothing appears in these reports which requires the consideration of the encampment, except two recommendations of the assistant quartermaster general, as follows:

"First. That the incoming administration be directed by the Fifty-second National Encampment to communicate with the authorities of the Congressional Library at Washington relative to securing space for the records of the Grand Army of the Republic in a department by themselves.

"Second. That in the event of securing suitable space, the custodian of records be authorized to deliver to the Congressional Library all records in his possession."

Your committee recommends the adoption of these recommendations, after adding to the second recommendation "when directed to do so by the commander in chief," so that it will read:

"That in the event of securing suitable space, the custodian of records be authorized to deliver to the Congressional Library all records in his possession when directed to do so by the commander in chief."

Respectfully submitted.

G. H. SLAYBAUGH.  
A. M. TRIMBLE.  
SAM'L P. TOWN.  
T. H. STEVENS.  
C. A. B. FOX.

I move, Commander in Chief, the adoption of this report which carries with it the adoption of the recommendation.

Comrade ADDISON JONES, of Illinois. I heartily second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion—I guess you heard it—that the report of this committee be adopted. The contents have been plainly read. Are you ready for the question?



Comrade C. E. CLINE, of Oregon. I want to say, gentlemen, that that question brings out the fact that I was enrolled as a soldier, I think, before any other man on this floor—on the 16th day of April, 1861— [Cries of "A point of order!"] in the first regiment that went from Illinois. Lincoln— [Cries of "Question!"]

Comrade CLINE (continuing). Now, what I have to say is this: I believe that recommendation should go further and ask Congress to publish as they have in something of the form of the Official Reports of the Union and Confederate Armies, that we should have by Congress an official publication of the records of the Grand Army of the Republic, and sent broadcast throughout the Nation. That is what I want to say.

[Cries of "Question!"]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, all those favoring the motion will make it known by saying aye. Those opposed no. The motion is carried.

Comrades, hear the report of the committee on resolutions.

Comrade JAMES D. BELL, of New York. Commander in Chief, I am directed by the committee on resolutions to make the following reports:

The first paper that I have in my hands, and unless some of you desire I will not read any of the papers through, is condemning a certain tax on printing magazines, and the committee, while strictly in favor of publicity, thought that this was a matter that we had better not interfere with; and therefore they direct me to report that it lie upon the table. I now move the adoption of the report.

Comrade GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, of Potomac. Commander in Chief, I move that as these reports are read that the action of the committee be considered as approved and the reports adopted, unless there is objection thereto.

Comrade ALFRED ATKINS, of New Jersey. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is the encampment ready for the question? The motion is that unless there be objections the report of the committee be sustained without motion. Those favoring the motion will make it known by saying aye. Opposed no. The motion is carried.

Comrade BELL (continuing). I have another here, dated at Portland, Oreg., in which it is proposed to amend the pension laws so that everybody that served, without regard to time, shall be entitled to a pension; and the committee think that this is a matter that properly ought to go to the committee on legislation. No harm will be done if it is left over until next year. So we ask to send it to the committee on legislation.

I have here another one. This is in regard to the difficulty in proving marriages where they have taken place a long time ago. It requests that the matter be taken up with the Senate and House Pension Committees, and something be done to make it easier. The committee approve of this and ask the encampment to send it to the committee on legislation with authority to proceed. I make that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It goes without motion, unless some one objects.

Comrade BELL (continuing). Here is one that proposes to keep the Grand Army of the Republic just as it is and not merge everybody in it. We have thought that that was in good shape now, and therefore recommend that it lie upon the table. [Applause.]

We have one here that goes a little further, and it resolves that the time has come to open the doors of the Grand Army of the Republic for the admission of all soldiers of the United States Army. The committee disapprove it and recommend that the report be adopted.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. What does the committee do on that opening of the doors?

Comrade BELL. They recommend its disapproval.

Here is an Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors of the United States, and it states that a committee was appointed to consult with the authorities of the Grand Army with reference to the use of what is known as the "service flag." The committee on resolutions did not meet that committee, and we therefore ask that this lie upon the table.

I have now something that if we had time enough I could amuse you by reading (a three-page letter and a large printed circular). I won't do it. The idea is to form an Association of the United Veterans of the Republic, in which, as I understand, all parties who have ever served anywhere should come in, and the committee recommends that this be indefinitely postponed. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, when you approved the commander in chief's report you settled the question, I take it, of the merging of the Grand Army of the Republic into any other organization. [Applause.] I hope it will stay settled.

Comrade BELL (continuing). Here is one, comrades, in regard to that status of military telegraphers during the war. It proposes a change in our rules and regulations in regard to the subject; and we thought that the rules and regulations in regard to eligibility were pretty plain now, and we therefore ask that this be indefinitely postponed.

Here is an International League of Fraternities for Liberty, Democracy, etc., and they wanted us to join it. I don't know precisely what the dues per year were to be, but the committee instruct me to report it for indefinite postponement, which I do. [Applause.]

Here is another one that invited the national encampment for next year to San Francisco, and as we have disposed of the national encampment for next year I can see no alternative in this but to ask that it lie upon the table.

This is a series of resolutions relative to the perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the only new thing, perhaps, in it was "that we favor the honorary admission of such soldiers, sailors, and marines, members of orders perpetuating their service, that have extended the courtesy of honorary membership in their orders to members of the Grand Army of the Republic." The committee were unanimously of the opinion that the Grand Army rules and regulations covered the matter, and therefore we ask that this be indefinitely postponed. [Applause.]

Here is the American Defense Society. They were kind enough to send a printed resolution, I wish some of the comrades who offered

resolutions here had only been kind enough to have followed this rule. It would have been easier for us.

*Resolved*, That we call upon Americans generally to make use of the economic weapon to strike this effective blow against the continuance in power of the German military party.

The committee were of the opinion that the Government of the United States was fully competent to deal with this question of conducting the war and of conducting the United States after the war. [Applause.] Therefore we ask it to lie on the table.

Here I have something printed, and the nub of it seems to be that the Nation is in duty bound to extend to every youth in the land equal educational opportunities, and that this can best be done by nationalizing our public-school system. Most of us are graduates of the public-school system; we are proud of it; and we think that we ought to let it alone. Therefore we ask that this lie on the table. [Applause.]

Here is something with a little sentiment in it:

Whereas it is reported that the *Hartford*, the flagship of Admiral Farragut at the Battles of New Orleans and Mobile Bay, is to be thrown into the junk heap: Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the representatives to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, direct our commander in chief and the committee on law and legislation to take up the matter with the President and the Congress in order that action may be at once taken to prevent the destruction of this glorious old relic of the great war of the sixties, and to request that she may be sent to the port of New York, now the metropolis of the world, and her rigging, armament, and other historic equipment restored to the condition in which they were when Admiral Farragut commanded her, as an object lesson in patriotism for future generations and to keep green the memory of the heroic deeds of the men who on land and sea made American history and saved the Republic from disruption. There is but one *Hartford*, and there was but one Farragut.

The committee approve heartily of this resolution and ask that it go to the committee on legislation and the commander in chief to be chosen, with power to act. [Applause.]

*Resolved by the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic*, That we heartily indorse and urgently recommend that the bill introduced on the 15th instant in the National House of Representatives by Hon. N. J. Gould, "authorizing free medical treatment to persons honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard by medical officers of any of these services, for wounds or injuries received or illness incurred in the line of duty," be speedily enacted into law.

The committee recommend that it be approved.

*Resolved*, That the theatrical film entitled "The Birth of a Nation," of late largely presented throughout the country, is untrue to the facts of history, does gross injustice to prominent and patriotic men of reconstruction times, is insulting to colored citizens, and tends to glorify mob law. We call upon all good citizens to express their disapproval of it by a refusal of their patronage, and we deem it desirable that the proper authorities refuse permission to have it placed on public exhibition.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there a second to that motion?

Several comrades seconded the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those favoring that motion will rise to their feet. The motion is carried.

Comrade BELL (continuing). A resolution was presented to the committee in favor of having the 30th day of May a general Me-

morial Day for all who die anywhere or by any kind of service. The committee reported it back in this form:

The committee begs to report that while the committee is heartily in accord with every effort to make our Memorial Day general in its observance, it believes that Congress has no power to enact the proposed legislation, and hence recommends that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Here is a resolution in favor of legislation in regard to those who have lost limbs in the service, and the committee is in hearty sympathy with it, but recommend that it be sent to the committee on legislation.

Here is one from Lookout Post of the Department of Tennessee. It calls attention to the fact that in the national cemetery at Chattanooga they are burying the deceased interned Germans, and as our people were separated from them in life they want to be separated from them in death. I know of no better place for them than the grave. But, as far as I am concerned, and the committee with me, we are in hearty sympathy with this resolution, which condemns that and says that the Government ought to find some other place for them. And I move the adoption of the resolution.

(Following is the communication referred to by the chairman of the committee on resolutions:)

CHATTANOOGA TENN., August 14, 1918.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

SIR: I am instructed by Lookout Post to ask you to call the attention of the Grand Army in national encampment to the fact that in pursuance of orders from Washington, German prisoners are being buried in the national cemetery here.

We consider this a desecration of hallowed ground. Nearly 14,000 Union soldiers are in this way disgraced by the close proximity of the despicable Hun. When Gen. Thomas, "Old Pap," had this cemetery laid out in 1864, it was not to be supposed for a minute that enemies of the United States, treacherous, deceitful, barbarous, in comparison with whom the worst guerrillas were Christian soldiers of the highest type, would ever be buried in its sacred limits. The United States owns plenty of ground outside of the cemetery limits in which to bury the enemy dead respectfully, but we hold that it is an insult to us that they should be given burial in the same ground with our dead comrades.

Please have this read to the encampment at the business session.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. W. V. BAKER,  
*Adjutant Lookout Post.*

Here is a matter, comrades, where it is proposed to make changes in the post chaplain's Memorial Day report; and the changes are here, and I do not propose to weary you by reading them. But the committee recommend that the proper authorities make these changes in the chaplain's report so as to make it easier for busy men to make out a report and for men who are not so busy to read it. I move the approval of the resolution.

*Resolved*, That hereafter we recommend a return to the former rule of placing as a pendant to our official national encampment badge the profile medallion of the most noted soldier and citizen of the State where the encampment is held.

The committee approve of that and ask you to adopt it.

*Resolved*, That hereafter all receptions at our national encampments be held at places and hotels other than our national headquarters.

It is approved by the committee, and they ask you to pass it. In other words, that you have a chance to get to national headquarters



some night when they are holding a reception. Let it be held some other place. I could not get to my room and came near not having some of these reports.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Army of the Republic in its fifty-second national encampment in Portland, Oreg., do hereby reaffirm our most hearty support to the extent of our ability to uphold the Government of the United States in the carrying on of the present war to a successful issue and until final victory is secured and the world is made safe for democracy. [Applause.]

The committee recommend its adoption.

*Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the earnest and able efforts of Commander in Chief Somers and his official staff to promote the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past eventful year. They have succeeded in accomplishing results which merit our hearty commendation.

We report that for approval.

A resolution was introduced in the committee which, with a change or two, I will read:

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be tendered to Hon. William G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads, for the liberal railway rates and generous time limits on tickets purchased by comrades of our order and members of our affiliated societies, which have made possible this large encampment in the beautiful and progressive city of Portland, Oreg.; and that the adjutant general be directed to send this resolution to him.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the Congress of the United States our hearty thanks for passing, and to President Wilson for signing, the pension law of June 10 last. And we especially thank Senator Reed Smoot for his long-continued and untiring efforts to secure justice for the defenders of the Union and their bereaved widows.

Comrade P. H. CONEY, of Kansas. I move the adoption of the resolution by a standing vote of this encampment.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The resolution is already adopted by our former action. We may emphasize that and all others when he gets through reporting.

Comrade BELL (continuing):

*Resolved*, That we extend our hearty thanks to all who have contributed toward making this encampment so pronounced a success. The mayor and municipal authorities of Portland deserve our gratitude for the steps which they have taken to promote our safety, comfort, and happiness. The various committees of citizens have done wonders to assure us of their patriotic cooperation and appreciation by showering favors upon us at every turn. We can not mention all classes of persons who have extended such delightful hospitality to us, nor enumerate the delicate attentions which we have received at their hands. In all these respects no encampment city has surpassed Portland, and the pleasant memories of this week will be cherished in our hearts.

We move its adoption. [Applause.]

*Resolved*, That we have observed with pleasure and satisfaction the efficient manner in which the Pension Department of our Government is now being administered, and we therefore hereby extend to our comrade Hon. Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Commissioner of Pensions, our hearty thanks for his perennial interest in the welfare of the veterans of the Civil War and the very efficient manner in which he has administered the affairs of the Pension Department.

The committee direct me to report it for approval. [Applause.]

Here is a resolution that deprecated the rumor that Commissioner Saltzgaber was going to resign. We thought it was better not to suggest the matter, and therefore we ask that it lie on the table.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of Potomac. I don't know what the text of that resolution is, but it is quite a serious matter, I think. Two years ago Commissioner Saltzgaber wanted to resign. I went up, in addition to others, and succeeded in persuading him to withdraw his resignation. Again he has offered his resignation and again he has been persuaded to withdraw. Now, I am familiar with the operations of the Pension Bureau, and while there are many other splendid comrades in the Grand Army who would administer the Pension Bureau well, I fear to take the chances of Commissioner Saltzgaber's resignation. There are several things I would rather not mention that make me rather dread any change in the Pension Bureau. Therefore I have been very anxious that this encampment take some action that would induce Commissioner Saltzgaber to remain. There are strong social and other influences trying to take him back to Van Wert. I want to meet him and try to forestall them. Commissioner Saltzgaber is a comrade and he is filled with sentiment and love for his comrades. If we can impress him we would like to have him stay in there during the rest of this administration at least, it seems to me it would be a great gain. Now, I don't know what the text of the resolution is, but I wish that the encampment would in some way indicate the desire that he should retain the office, not for his benefit, but for our benefit; that he should sacrifice himself a little bit in order to stay with us at least until the end of this administration.

Comrade BELL. The committee takes precisely the same view that Comrade McElroy has indicated, but we thought it was better not to say anything in public about his going to retire or resign but to use whatever influence we had with him in private to have him remain there. However, I am authorized by the committee in regard to this—we want to accomplish the same object—to withdraw their recommendation in the first instance and ask you to adopt the resolution if you think that will be the best way to accomplish it.

Comrade McELROY. I know it is a very delicate matter. All I would like to have is some indication that it is the unanimous desire of our comrades that Commissioner Saltzgaber should remain at the head of the Pension Bureau during this administration at least. Just how to frame that, how to make that manifest without transgressing our rules—I know what our rules are with regard to recommendations about officers.

Comrade BELL. It is still a political office, isn't it?

Comrade H. W. HOUSE, of Virginia and North Carolina. I want a rising vote on that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The resolution has been adopted.

Comrade BELL. We have adopted the resolution. We have changed the recommendation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee have adopted the resolution indorsing Comrade Saltzgaber to the fullest extent.

Comrade JEFFRIES. I move that it be adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade BELL. I have one more resolution that I want to read:

*Resolved*, That this encampment is pleased to extend our gratitude to the Oregon Military Police for the splendid military technique they displayed in caring for the line of the parade, and particularly their efficient saluting of Old Glory as the heads of each department passed.



The Oregon Military Police do not belong to the city of Portland. They belong to the State. Therefore, they are not included in the omnibus resolution, and we present this and ask you to adopt it.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the commander in chief, to the committee on legislation, and to all other members of our organization who aided in securing the passage of the pension law of June 10, 1918, and especially are these thanks due and tendered to Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, chairman of the legislative committee, and Comrade John McElroy, member of that committee, for their untiring effort and the splendid manner in which they averted the threatened passage of the House bill instead of the more liberal and satisfactory Smoot bill which is now the law.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. No thanks have yet been tendered to the press of Portland, and I move in open meeting that the thanks of this national encampment be tendered to the press of Portland, Oreg., for the generous notices they have given.

The motion was seconded by Comrades W. S. Tilton, of Oklahoma, and C. A. B. Fox, of South Dakota.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion tendering the thanks of the encampment to the press of the city of Portland.

Comrade A. G. BEATTY, of Iowa. I move an amendment to that motion that the Boy Scouts be included.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The amendment is accepted.

Comrade GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. As long as we are making amendments, I move an amendment to include the Rosarians, who acted as guards in that march and took charge of the departments and got them in order.

Comrade BEATTY. I accept the amendment.

Comrade BELL. Comrades, I was not quite through. I thought I was. I want to move now that the report of the committee on resolutions as a whole be adopted by this encampment.

Comrade GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, of Potomac. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is the encampment ready for the question?

Comrade C. E. CLINE, of Oregon. I can not help thinking, gentlemen, that the committee on resolutions gave inadequate consideration to the resolution on nationalizing our public schools.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I rise to a point of order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. State the point.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. It is not germane to the question. We have passed that entirely.

Comrade CLINE. We are now on the adoption of the report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on the adoption of the report of the committee as read.

Comrade CLINE. Now, gentlemen, it is a fact well known to you all—

(Cries of "Question.")

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We can always afford to listen. Just a moment!

Comrade CLINE. In this Nation there is a very great element of our young and rising generation that is being discriminated against and they have not a fair shake in our public schools. They are put off to themselves. They are not considered with our white children.

They have not the same chance. What this resolution aims at, and it came from this department, is that the Nation shall begin to give this matter consideration and take hold of the regulation of this discrimination against the children of our colored citizens. That is what that resolution aims at. I can not help feeling that the committee gave it very scant consideration in mowing it down with a whole lot of other resolutions.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, is the encampment ready for the question? Those favoring the motion will make it known by saying, aye. Opposed, no. Carried.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. You have not put the motion giving thanks to the press.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on returning a vote of thanks to the press, the Boy Scouts, the Rosarians, and everybody else in Portland. Those favoring that motion will make it known by saying, aye. Carried. That settles it. We have done it, and I want it to stay done.

We will now hear the report of the committee on rules and regulations.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. The first is a resolution offered by the Department of Connecticut.

*Resolved*, That paragraph 4 of Article II of Chapter III of the rules and regulations be amended by striking out the word "semi" in the second line of said paragraph, so that the said paragraph when amended shall read:

"Fourth. The number of representatives to which each post is entitled shall be determined by the annual report last preceding election."

It is simply a change of one word on account of a change in the regulations making one report in the year instead of two, taking out the word "semi." I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded by Comrades John H. Roberts, of California and Nevada, and Christian Quien, of Connecticut.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion to make the necessary change here. Those favoring it make it known by saying aye. Opposed, no. Carried.

Past Commander in Chief MONFORT (continuing). This requires a slight change also, in regard to the obligation of post commanders. I will be as brief as possible:

That the obligation of post commanders when installed be amended so as to comply with Chapter V, Article I, section 3, of the rules and regulations by changing "as," in the next to the last line, to "or," so that the closing paragraph shall read:

"Should this post disband during my term of office, or before the installation of my successor, I solemnly promise to close up its affairs honorably and to forward all the property of the department, including charter, rituals, books of record, and post papers to department headquarters, or as required by the rules and regulations. (See Chap. V, Art. I, sec. 3.)

We do not put in all those changes that were recently enacted in the rules and regulations because it will extend the obligation too far, which is unnecessary; but we recommend what I have read. The rules and regulations adopted permit the deposit of these papers in historical societies, posts, and various other places, and that simply changes it so that instead of sending these records all to the department headquarters we say, "to department headquarters, or as required by the rules and regulations. (See Chap. V, Art. I, sec. 3.)" I move the adoption of the resolution.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Second the motion.

The motion was also seconded by Comrade S. D. Webster, of Missouri.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. I think it is a wise one. Is the encampment ready for the question? Those favoring it will make it know by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Carried.

Past Commander in Chief MONFORT (continuing). This is a resolution adopted by the Department of Ohio:

Whereas much of the text used in the Grand Army of the Republic service book and manual has become obsolete, and the endeavor to adapt same to the orderly working of the ritual in post meetings, installation, and memorial is confusing: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Department of Ohio, in encampment at Hamilton June 19, 1918, respectfully recommend and petition the National Encampment at Portland, Oreg., to order and provide for a revision of the present service book and manual now in use, that a more intelligent and suggestive working form may be secured.

The committee recommend that this resolution be referred to the incoming administration for further inquiry as to the advisability of such changes.

Comrade C. A. B. Fox, of South Dakota. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Is the encampment ready for the question? Those favoring it will make it known by saying aye. Those opposed, no. The motion is carried.

Past Commander in Chief MONFORT (continuing). Another from the Department of Connecticut:

*Resolved*, That the following resolution is hereby approved and presented to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic by this department encampment:

"That the committee on rules and regulations be authorized and empowered to report such amendments to the ritual of the order as may be necessary to bring the same into harmony with the rules and regulations of the order."

The committee recommend no action, as such power is in the committee on rules and regulations now. I move the approval of the action of the committee.

Several comrades seconded the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The question is on this report. All those favoring its adoption will make it known by saying "aye"; those opposed "no." Carried.

Past Commander in Chief MONFORT (continuing). A resolution from the Department of Arkansas:

*Be it resolved by the Arkansas Department, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled*, That the Department of Arkansas favors an annual tax of 50 cents on each Grand Army post per year for the necessary expenses of properly decorating national cemeteries in the United States on Memorial Day.

That said tax shall be collected the same as the per capita tax is, and when collected be kept separate and designated as memorial fund for national cemeteries. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the Arkansas member of the special committee appointed by the commander in chief be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to present the above resolution for action of committee at the National Encampment to be held at Portland, Oreg., August 18, 1918, and insist on its adoption by the National Encampment.

Your committee favors very generous contributions but doubts the propriety of changing the rules and regulations. We commend the

action that has been taken by commanders in chief in the past in the raising of such funds. I move the adoption of this report.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Second the motion.

Comrade GEORGE A. NEWMAN, of Iowa. I would like to inquire if it would not be proper to hear from that committee that was to report in regard to the decorating of graves in the Southern States before we take any action.

Comrade W. M. SCOTT, of Georgia and South Carolina. In General Orders No. 4 there was a committee appointed to make a report on that matter. There are but two of the committee present that I know of, and that is the quartermaster general, who knows but little of it, and myself. I would like to make a report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Florida has a member of that committee present also. Have you a report to make?

Comrade SCOTT. I have nothing but an oral report, sir, because it is well known where I could be found and there has nobody reported to me and nobody present but the quartermaster general and myself, that I was aware of. Not only that, sir, I have time and again tried to make an appointment with the quartermaster general without any success.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Your indulgence just a moment. The report of the quartermaster general confirms the way that the business has been conducted this year and congratulates the commander in chief upon the manner of assessment made upon departments, and it has been adopted, and it covers the whole report.

Comrade SCOTT. But, sir, I want to say that the delegates do not understand the situation, and I beg that I may be allowed to put that before the encampment.

Comrade S. P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is one committee making its report now, and it may proceed until it completes its report. If this committee of which you are a member has a report to make, you will be heard following.

Comrade GEORGE A. NEWMAN, of Iowa. May I make one addition to what I have said? I want to say that our department and other departments made the assessment asked for by the commander in chief with the understanding that this whole thing was to be canvassed by a committee and reported to this encampment, and you are asking us now to take some action in favor of an assessment when we know nothing about what this committee has done.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Comrade Newman is assistant adjutant general of the department of Iowa, and he was adjutant general. He knows that you can not get a report from the committees in the southern cities. Nobody knows it better than he does.

Comrade S. D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. I rise to second the report as made. As I understand, it proposed a definite tax on every post. We have contributed, all of us in the different departments, in accordance with the request of the commander in chief for this purpose and are ready to do it right now, but we have in our department little posts scattered through the country, and one man pays their dues to the department. Why should we assess that particular man for a little more? The department in each case will take care of it, and I second the motion.



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If you will listen to this report, this report does not indorse the assessment of 50 cents per post.

Comrade WEBSTER. That is what I understood, sir, and that is why I am seconding the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The post to which I belong is able to pay 10 half dollars. The nearest post to me is not able to pay one half dollar, and this year this tax was apportioned among the departments and posts that were able to pay it. They have paid it, and I believe that method of procedure will be satisfactory to the end of our days. [Applause.] When it fails the Relief Corps and the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be glad to furnish all this memorial fund—not only for them but for our own graves when we are buried. [Applause.]

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I want to ask for information along that line. I understood from the statement of the chairman that the committee on rules and regulations had the right to change the rules so as to make them harmonious; is that right?

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. That is true if the encampment unanimously or properly indorses it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. And passes it. The committee has no right to change a word in the rules and regulations, but they recommend to the encampment.

Comrade HENRY. That is just the point. I presented a matter at Boston to change one word so as to make two sections harmonious, and the chairman of the committee on rules and regulations declared to me that he could not recommend that even to the encampment until it had been presented to the committee for 30 days. I just want to say that one section says that no charter can be surrendered when five members object, and another section that was not amended at the time that it was amended says that if less than 10 members object. Now, I wanted that "ten" changed to "five," so they will be harmonious. It was objected to and went over. The chairman of the committee on rules and regulations said that he could not present it. Now, I think that ought to be done.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There is a conflict in the rules and regulations, one paragraph saying "five" and the other saying "less than ten." The comrade suggests that this be made to harmonize by saying "five," and omitting the "less than ten." Is that right?

Comrade HENRY. Yes, sir. On page 28 of the rules and regulations, section 3, Chapter V, says: "Post charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than 10 members desire the continuance of the post." In another place it says, "No charter shall be surrendered if five members desire it." I wanted that word "ten" changed to "five." That is all.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. Commander, that question was not before our committee. The committee would approve the changing of the figure, and I presume that you could unanimously adopt it right now if it was thought best.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. I move you, sir, that the rules and regulations be amended to make that change from "ten" to "five."

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, the motion is that the committee be directed to make this change and make it read "five" instead of "less than ten." All those favoring that motion will make it known by saying aye. The change is made.

Past Commander in Chief ELIAS R. MONFORT. Commander in Chief, one more resolution. This seems to be from the committee on resolutions.

*Resolved*, That Chapter I, Article IV, of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, which states the eligibility of membership, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Eligibility to membership: Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps and Revenue-Cutter Service who served and have been honorably discharged therefrom after such service shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States."

This is the last resolution handed to us, and the members of the committee that were here direct me to move that it be laid on the table. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Each resolution having been adopted, the report of the committee is declared to be adopted.

The Daughters of Veterans have been in waiting, and possibly it would be well if they could come in here for about 10 minutes, and then let them retire. [Applause.] I will designate Comrades Inman, Dodge, and Stimmel to escort the Daughters of Veterans to the platform.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the committee composed of Mrs. Lola Elliott, of Iowa, and Mrs. Lulu M. Carlin, of Illinois, was escorted to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, Mrs. Elliott, of the Daughters of Veterans, brings the greetings of that great organization.

Mrs. LOLA ELLIOTT, of Iowa. I know that you are all too busy this morning to listen to a speech, even though I were capable of making one. You know you always say that a woman has so much to say that she never knows when to get through. But I am going to surprise you. This woman from Iowa does know when to quit. And so this morning I am just going to bring you a greeting, with these little flowers, from the Daughters of Veterans. This is the first time in my life I ever saw so many of my fathers at one time. We want you to know that your daughters all love you, and they want you to have the best session this year that you have ever had, and we want every last one of you to meet us again next year in Ohio. I extend to you greetings. [Applause.]

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Many of you possibly were not present at the preliminary meeting the other evening. The Daughters of Veterans gave us a check for \$500.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been in waiting long. Shall we receive them at this moment? I will send the same committee, and that will disappoint three other gentlemen back here who would like the honor.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was escorted to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, salute these ladies, the present president of the Ladies of the Grand Army and past presidents of the Ladies of the Grand Army.



Mrs. MARY E. TARBOX, of Maine, national president Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander in Chief and Comrades of the Grand Army. While we are very busy in our convention and it was very hard for me to leave, even for a few minutes, my love for you all was so great, and also the commander in chief, whom I learned to love during the past year in my travels. [Applause.] I mean what I say. [A comrade: "Where is his wife?"] His wife is all right. She, like myself, knows a good thing when she sees it. I could not resist stealing a few minutes from my work while I was holding the highest office in our organization to come and assure you of that love that is going to last not only during my administration, but as long as life lasts. It could not be otherwise, coming from the heart of a daughter of a veteran. The daughters appreciate you as sincerely as any one, excepting the wives of the present day. We will ever be loyal to you. We are ready to do any and everything for you.

I will not take up your time, but will close by giving you a little tribute that was written by myself for my comrades back in my old home State a few years ago:

Comrades, with the bronze token  
On your coat of loyal blue,  
It is for you these words are spoken,  
Dearly beloved comrades, brave and true.

Hail to thee, our flag's defender,  
Thou didst keep thy sacred trust,  
But for you its starry splendor,  
Would now be but Southern dust.

When the Southern cannon thundered,  
And its lightning saber flashed,  
Thine the arm its power sundered,  
To the ground the saber dashed.

Ever shall our song and story  
Tell the debt we owe to thee,  
For thy valor saved Old Glory  
And Columbia's destiny.

Ever shall our love for you be manifested in every movement. Don't ever hesitate to call on us for anything you want. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, I wish to place on your coat this little emblem, the recognition badge of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I know you wish to be recognized as one of our members, as you will be when you are obligated in our order. I should have shrunk from bestowing this on you, knowing your exceeding modesty and your dislike for being arrayed with badges. I heard him remark at one convention that he attended while out on our trip that he felt as though he had been to an agricultural fair and had taken the premium on everything. This is very diminutive and small, like our order compared to the Relief Corps and some of the others, but the choicest goods come wrapped up in the smallest packages sometimes. It will be no burden. I hope you will wear it, and when looking at it think of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. When I recover myself I will remark. I next have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. McClure, past president of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Mrs. VIRGINIA C. McCLURE, of Illinois. Commander in Chief, our arrangement was that our national president was to represent our order, and we would not take your time with remarks by the other members of the committee. However, I would be remiss if I did not express my great pleasure at being here with you. I have had that pleasure given me in very many national encampments, and always enjoyed coming here. I recognize before me our Illinois delegation and some of the members there, and I am very proud to see them so far away from their homes, coming to attend this splendid encampment. Our president has told you of our ladies and our order. It is not necessary for me to go over that, or even to tell you of your services, your achievements, your sacrifices, and your loyalty through your service in the Civil War. This has been told you o'er and o'er, and it is not necessary for me to reiterate it. However, we are very proud of all that you did during that term and appreciate it. Now, we have come to another great struggle, and as I go around and see the little star upon the breast, and sometimes two, and three, and four, I realize what that represents, and the great sacrifice that you are making again at this time. I just want to reassure you that our order stands ready to assist you at all times, and whenever you need our services be perfectly free to call upon us. I thank you, Commander.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I present Mrs. Ross, who will make a few remarks.

Mrs. CATHERINE ROSS, of Illinois. Commander and comrades of the Grand Army, there is nothing left for me to say, only that I am proud to be here and proud to salute one of the greatest commanders up to date. I thank you. I met the gentleman before, and I think I told him that privately. Now, I shall tell him publicly—one of the greatest commanders up to date. He has recognized our order as never before, and we are more than thankful.

Mrs. McCLURE. I would like to refute that a little. I have the commander in chief that was with me last year sitting upon the platform, and I am not going to indorse what she says.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That stands good for to-day. That is all. To-morrow it will be different.

Mrs. TARBOX. I wish to make an amendment to that statement. I am going to say that I have met nearly all of the past commanders in chief this year, and I have yet to find one that is not truly loyal to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. How could they be any different—their own blood-kin relatives? I know they couldn't and wouldn't. Not only that, but every member of the staff of the commander this year has shown just as much courtesy and kindness as we could possibly ask for, and we are sincerely grateful and feel that we are just where we belong and not any fault to find. [Applause.]

The encampment was called up by the gavel as the delegation retired.

Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. The committee on the judge advocate general's report are ready to make their report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Hear the report of the committee.

Comrade WILLETT. I want to say to the comrades that the decision under consideration will be found at pages 43 and 44 of this printed report. [Reading:]

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

In the matter of the appeal of Topeka Post, No. 71 (formerly General Rice Post, No. 71), located in the city of Topeka, and being in the jurisdiction of the Department of Kansas, from the acts, proceedings, and decision of Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the case of Topeka Post No. 71, against Patrick H. Coney.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade Smith Stimmel, judge advocate general, of date July 15, 1918, to Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the above-entitled matter, together with the approval of said report by the commander in chief, do hereby make the following report and recommendations concerning same, to wit:

We have carefully examined the record in the case, with due consideration for the rights and privileges of all interested parties, including the general welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic, and more especially the welfare of the Department of the State of Kansas, and, without detail, it is our judgment that the recommendations and opinion of the judge advocate general in said cause, and the approval thereof by the commander in chief in his report, should be approved by this encampment. [Applause.]

Therefore, your committee recommends:

First. That the action of the judge advocate general in said cause and his recommendations, "that the decision of the commander of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., in the case of Patrick H. Coney be affirmed and the complaint dismissed," be, and the same is hereby, approved by this encampment.

Second. That the action of Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in affirming the findings and decision of the judge advocate general in the said cause, be now approved by this encampment.

Third. That the status of the said Patrick H. Coney in the Grand Army of the Republic, and particularly in Lincoln Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of the Department of Kansas, is now fixed and established by this encampment, and he is hereby adjudged to be in good standing therein, as against the subject matter of the charges in said complaint and all matters collateral thereto, and the dismissal of said complaint and cause is now approved and confirmed.

August 22, 1918.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. W. WILLETT.

J. ANDREW WILT.

JAMES D. BELL.

I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade ALFRED ATKINS, of New Jersey. I second the motion.

Comrade DAVID TAYLOR, of Kansas. I don't want to go on and give you the history of this case. The judge advocate general, in looking over the matter, said that "if it had been according to the rules and regulations of our order," whether he was not so received back into the order. This matter was followed along and it came to the commander in chief. It was followed along until they came to a place where they said this notation in the book, where he was supposed to commit himself. Here is the book right here. I would like to have this thing read. [Cries of "No."] I claim that I need to have it read. Here is a place where this man was found guilty time and time and time again. Whether this was before the committee I don't know. This matter is before the committee. It is one of the briefs in the committee. This man has gone along year after year for 18 or 19 years, and he has caused complaint in the committee. We have the great soldier State of Kansas. We have the State that gave more

money, more men—— [Cries of "No."] We gave more soldiers than we had voting men. We haven't had a commander in that State yet.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Confine yourself to that case.

Comrade JOHN MIDDLETON, of Potomac. I hope that comrade will not bring this matter in here. They have thrashed it out in the Department of Kansas. Let's adopt the report of the committee.

Comrade TAYLOR. You want to shut off everything there is here in this case. You want to shut off the character of this man. I want to have the ear of this encampment for a few moments. In the opinion of Comrade Judge Advocate Smith Stimmel, he sets up a case of argument of 20 years. There is no such thing as 20 years in the encampment. There is not anything of any time. He states about the road laws and land tenure and all of that, and this other man sets up this thing of tenure. He was not brought back in the Grand Army.

Comrade DANIEL DONNE, of Pennsylvania. We are not trying that case.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That case is not before the encampment. The question is upon the adoption of the report.

Comrade W. W. SMITH, of Kansas. I am not going to take any time. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, there is nobody more pleased than I am, as department commander of Kansas, that this matter has come before the encampment. This is a matter that the gentleman who preceded me—you see from his exhibition what it means. It is a slander that is 25 years of age. [Applause.] I am glad——

Comrade LEWIS S. PILCHER, of New York. The language that is being used by my comrade is improper.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Your remarks are improper. They are personal.

Comrade PILCHER. I wish to say further, as a further point of order, that it is out of order to attempt to try this case before this body. And further, Commander in Chief——

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, the point of order is well taken.

Comrade PILCHER. I wish to call further attention that nothing is in order before this body at this time except the one question of whether we will adopt the report of this committee.

Comrade SMITH. I heartily concur in what the comrade has said, and I want the report of the committee approved. I am in favor of the report of the committee.

Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, just one moment. Pardon me if I ask your indulgence to say that the record in this case is very voluminous; that the committee have examined every word of that record and have examined every one of the exhibits and based upon that and the action of the officers, whose report we are considering, we have tendered this report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All favoring the motion will make it known by saying "aye." Those opposed "no." Carried.

Comrade Gardner, who always speaks in order, wants to make a remark, and I think it will have the approval of this encampment. It must be brief, but we want a direct expression upon this topic, and I think our minds are clear upon it.



Past Commander in Chief WASHINGTON GARDNER. I beg the indulgence of the encampment just for a moment relative to the Saltzgaber matter. I might say, without disclosing any secrets or referring to anything that is not generally public, that there is much more in this than there seems to be upon the surface. There is no question about the wish of this encampment, or its mind with regard to the Commissioner of Pensions. I will say this, I think without any breach of confidence: If Commissioner Saltzgaber should resign, it may result in a complete change of the status of things at Washington. So, for one, I would like to see him stay there, as I believe every comrade would, until the end of his term. Therefore, I present you the following:

*Resolved*, By the Fifty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that we greatly appreciate the able and satisfactory manner in which Commissioner Saltzgaber has administered the affairs of the Pension Bureau; that we have heard with regret of his contemplated retirement; and that we respectfully request him to continue in office to the end of his term.

I move the adoption of this by a rising vote as an expression of this encampment.

Comrade GEORGE W. TIBBETTS, of Washington and Alaska. I beg at this time to second the motion of Past Commander in Chief Gardner for the adoption of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you ready for the question? All favoring this motion will rise to their feet. Commissioner Saltzgaber is sustained by the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] The adjutant general has a communication to read:

The ADJUTANT GENERAL (reading):

PORTLAND, OREG., August 21, 1918.

Two hundred and fifty Sons of Veterans of the Pacific Northwest who had the honor of acting as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic at their annual encampment parade in Portland, Oreg., send greeting to the national encampment, Sons of Veterans, now in session at Niagara Falls.

At a mass meeting of the Sons of Veterans representing the Pacific Northwest, the following resolutions were adopted:

*"Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the fact that our national encampment is not in session with our fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, as we feel that our first duty is to follow their national encampments. We trust that never again will we desert them.

*"Resolved*, That we assure the members of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session that our hearts are with them, and we stand ready to perform any service we are called upon to render them.

*"Be it further resolved*, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Portland Press Club for their courtesy in extending to us the use of their rooms for our headquarters."

CHAS. L. CHAMBERLIN,  
*Commander Washington and Oregon Division.*

EDGAR PAYTON,  
*Commander Colorado and Wyoming Division.*

W. C. CRUM,  
*Commander Montana and Idaho Division.*

FRANK MCCRILLIS,  
*Past Commander Illinois Division.*

P. F. YENGLING,  
*Past Commander Ohio Division.*

CHAS. J. SCHNABEL,  
*Camp Commander Portland, Oreg.*

E. D. PHELAN,  
*Camp Commander Helena, Mont.*

A. M. TWOMBLY,  
*Portland, Oreg.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I have a splendid soldier here who wants to be heard.

Comrade F. H. HURD, of Washington and Alaska. I want to be heard instead of Hurd. Yesterday this encampment considered my name as a candidate for the office of commander in chief. As a result of the nominating and seconding speeches and by the expression of the comrades, I am satisfied that it is your desire that Comrade Adams be chosen for this high office, and I most respectfully and cheerfully recall my nomination and ask that you cease to consider me a candidate. [Applause.] Comrades, it is not often that I have the privilege of looking into the faces of so many of you comrades, and I want to say:

While our ranks are growing thinner,  
Comrades falling one by one,  
Let us closer stand together,  
Till life's battles all are done.

Let us keep the fires fraternal  
Brightly burning in each breast,  
Till for us the taps are sounded  
And we take our final rest.

If Comrade Adams is here I would like to say to him:

When he takes an inventory of his friendships new and old,  
When he's adding up life's joys and treasures that can't be bought with gold,  
When he needs someone to stand by him through thick and thin,  
Don't forget to call on Comrade Hurd, who will be ready to fall in.

[Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. If it is in order, and I believe it is, I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Adams for commander in chief.

Comrade S. F. STREET, of Washington and Alaska. We have presented for your consideration a grand and brave soldier in Comrade Hurd. We regret exceedingly that he must retire. But I want to tell you that the department of Washington and Alaska will stand by Comrade Adams to the last, and I most heartily second his nomination.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. It is not necessary to repeat it. All favoring the election of Clarendon E. Adams as commander in chief for the ensuing year will rise to their feet.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. The adjutant general casts the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Clarendon E. Adams for commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare him duly elected. Comrade Hurd, bring Comrade Adams to the platform. [Applause.] Comrades, your next commander in chief, my worthy successor.

Comrade C. E. ADAMS, of Nebraska. Commander and comrades of the Fifty-second Encampment: I desire first to express to you my profound sensibility of the high honor you have conferred upon me. I realize, comrades, that I am entering upon the duties of my office following not only one but many mighty administrations of the Grand Army, and this one that I am about to accept from the gavel



of Comrade Somers is one of the superb of our organization. [Applause.]

I realize, my comrades, that I am going into this office because of the service and the splendid work that you men have done in bringing about one of the greatest triumphs, aye, one of the epochs of the American people—the saving of the American Union. I realize that I am entering upon my duties in the presence of the men who answered the call of Lincoln, and in more than 2,500 battles saved us our glorious Union undivided and our flag unsullied. [Applause.]

We are in the midst of a mighty war to-day, and I believe, in looking in your faces, that I am fully warranted in reviving that splendid sentiment of Gen. John A. Dix, of New York, who said at the beginning of the Rebellion, "If any man attempts to pull down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." [Great Applause.]

I believe, my comrades, that I am voicing the sentiment of every comrade here, the sentiment that is prominent in his mind, the sentiment or the demand given to us by Gen. Grant, and that demand is directed at the head of the infamous and murderous Kaiser of Germany, and it is "unconditional surrender." [Great applause.] I believe, too, I am voicing your sentiment when I say that if any persons attempt to interfere with or destroy the resources of this Government, to burn our factories, destroy our mills and our elevators, to spread German propaganda and sedition, or in any way whatever attempt to interfere with the vigorous prosecution of this war, I say try them immediately for treason and if found guilty hang them higher than Haman was ever hanged. [Applause.]

Just one personal word, and I believe you will pardon me because I wish to speak for but a moment of that splendid American soldier over in France. I served with him upon the military staff for two years when he was a lieutenant. President Wilson in his wisdom appointed, in my opinion, one of the best men in this Nation to go to Europe and pay off the debt that had been owing to the splendid nation of France for 140 years for the services of Marquis de Lafayette. And I can say personally of Gen. Pershing that he is as sound and reliable in judgment and as fearless in the execution of that judgment as a Gen. Grant or a Gen. Thomas; that he is as tactical in military skill and army maneuvers as a Sherman, a Lee, a Stonewall Jackson, or a Meade; that he is as intrepid as a Sheridan, a Pickett, a Logan, or a Custer; and he is as superb, my comrades, as a general and a soldier as a Hancock or a John B. Gordon. And I predict when Gen. Pershing gets through with the Kaiser over there that Prussian autocracy and German military despotism will be swept forever from the face of the earth. [Applause.]

Now, my comrades, I know that I am entering upon the duties of my office under mighty favorable auspices. Your commander has given you one of the mightiest texts that this Nation and your organization could have had, in his splendid and superb address to you yesterday. I trust that we may be able, and I hope by your assistance I will be able to maintain that standard which to-day is claiming the respect and challenging the admiration of the civilized world for more splendid service than in the past.

I want to thank Comrade Hurd for the splendid recognition which he gave me.

I thank you, comrades.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Next in order is the nomination of senior vice commander. Let us have order. The departments will be called for nominations.

The roll was called by the adjutant general without response until Oregon was reached.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief and comrades: You all know that I am a comrade of the Department of Missouri, but for three years I have been domiciled in this city and I have become intimately acquainted with many of our gallant comrades in this magnificent State, and in the kindness of their hearts they have asked me to nominate for senior vice commander in chief, James G. Chambers, of the Department of Oregon. Oregon demands nothing of this encampment. You gave it the highest compliment possible when you elected to come here and afterwards came as you have. But they would accept it as a graceful tribute if you would elect the comrade I have named, senior vice commander in chief. He was a comrade during the war of the Fortieth Indiana Regiment and that alone speaks for his gallantry as a soldier [applause] because we all know that all the Indiana boys were supremely and superbly gallant. He must have been a good comrade or he could not have been elected department commander of Oregon. I say to you that physically and mentally and morally he sizes up to the standard of American manhood, and I add that should we be deprived of the services of Comrade Adams, either by accident, misfortune, or disease, Comrade Chambers is fully qualified to take up the baton of marshalship and faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of the office. I present him to you without any demand, but I hope that you will name him as your senior vice commander in chief.

The roll call was continued without further response until Washington and Alaska were reached.

Comrade S. F. STREET, of Washington and Alaska. In behalf of the Northwest, and adjoining the State of Oregon, that mighty delegation present from Washington, I heartily second the nomination of Comrade Chambers, and I hope and trust that this encampment will select him. And if there are no further nominations I move you, sir, that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Chambers for senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade JOHN H. ROBERTS, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All favoring that motion will make it known by saying aye. The rules are suspended.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE. The adjutant general casts the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade Chambers for senior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare Comrade Chambers duly elected. Comrades, I present the senior vice commander in chief-elect.

Comrade JAMES G. CHAMBERS, of Oregon. Commander in Chief and comrades: I believe it would be trespassing on your patience for me at this time to try to make a speech. I may say that coming as this does, this compliment to me almost overcomes me. I fully realize that it is a compliment that can not come to all. We are

passing. We are all men of more than three score years at the present time. Our physical abilities will have passed with a few more years, but the Lord has blessed me with a good constitution, with not a very great intellect, but I have always made it my point and rule of living since coming out of the Army to allow no man to be more patriotic, with a better love for his country and respect for the flag than I have. [Applause.]

I come from a line of fighters. I am the living third generation from the Revolution. My grandfather was 101 years old when he died, and he died when I was a boy 12 years old. My father was in the War of 1812. I was in the War of 1861. My oldest son was in the Spanish-American War. I have two grandsons now in the conflict over there. [Great applause.] I believe that they will not dishonor the name.

Now, commander and comrades, I want to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and I wish to promise that in every way possible my best endeavor shall be to the betterment of the most grand and glorious organization that exists at this time on the face of the globe—the Grand Army of the Republic.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Next in order is nominations for junior vice commander in chief.

The roll of departments was called by the adjutant general, and the following nominations were made as the respective departments were called:

Comrade ASA CURL, of Colorado and Wyoming. We give you a direct descendant of the first man that was killed in the Revolutionary War at the bridge of Concord. We present to you the name of William Butler, a direct descendant of Joseph Butler, the first man killed in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in the Fourth Wisconsin and served and was in some 50 different engagements during the war, so he is an old-line veteran. Again, he has a grandson serving "over there." So we are going to give you, as we have in the senior vice commander here, a direct war veteran from his grandfather and great-grandfather, his own service and that of his grandson. So we have this lineal descendant. Here we have a fitting combination for junior vice commander, and we present one of our best, one of our most faithful, one of our active comrades, intelligent and physically able to perform the duties, or even those of commander if he is called upon—William Butler, of Longmont, Colo.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of Potomac. By request of the comrades of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, I have the honor to present to you for the office of junior vice commander in chief Comrade Charles H. Haber, department commander of Virginia and North Carolina. All that it is necessary to say about Comrade Haber's military record is that he was color bearer of the Sixty-eighth New York. That will be sufficient in itself. He served faithfully until the end of the war. What particularly commends Comrade Haber to me is that for many years he has been the life and soul of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, having borne the burdens of the department under difficulties. We have got rather in the habit of sending the office of junior vice commander to the South, and Comrade Haber's record has been memorable for all these years in that department, and I hope that the comrades of the national encampment will recognize him and elect him junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade GEORGE D. BREED, of Wisconsin. Wisconsin seconds the nomination of Comrade Butler.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There have been two nominations—Butler, of Colorado, and Haber, of Virginia.

Comrade D. G. JAMES, of Wisconsin. I move you that the delegations poll their vote and vote by departments.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you will make your choice by departments and announce the vote as usual.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, with the following result, as shown by the report of the tellers, Comrades John H. Roberts, of California and Nevada, and W. H. Comstock, of Colorado and Wyoming:

Department.	Haber.	Butler.
Alabama.....	4	.....
Arizona.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	9
California and Nevada.....	36	.....
Colorado and Wyoming.....	.....	11
Connecticut.....	6	.....
Delaware.....	3	.....
Florida.....	.....	3
Georgia and South Carolina.....	10	.....
Idaho.....	14	.....
Illinois.....	8	23
Indiana.....	12	6
Iowa.....	31	.....
Kansas.....	.....	28
Kentucky.....	6	.....
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	10	.....
Maryland.....	7	.....
Massachusetts.....	25	.....
Michigan.....	9	9
Minnesota.....	.....	10
Missouri.....	11	.....
Montana.....	.....	11
Nebraska.....	8	1
New Hampshire.....	5	.....
New Jersey.....	13	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	.....
New York.....	48	.....
North Dakota.....	.....	11
Ohio.....	25	6
Oklahoma.....	13	.....
Oregon.....	22	.....
Pennsylvania.....	19	.....
Potomac.....	5	.....
Rhode Island.....	4	.....
South Dakota.....	14	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	3	.....
Utah.....	2	3
Vermont.....	5	.....
Virginia and North Carolina.....	.....	.....
Washington and Alaska.....	26	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	1	17
Total.....	405	148



Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Commander in Chief, and comrades: I represent the transportation committee. As I stated yesterday, they propose to take the delegates in this encampment, their wives and daughters, and the delegates of the other societies up the Highway, part by boat and part by auto. We thought at one time that we would not be able to take them all, but this morning we have secured another steamboat. We are going to take every delegate and those of the various societies reported by the assistant adjutants general. In the first place, there are the old Army nurses—21 of them. The president is from the Department of Missouri, and I have known her for years. She asked me to chaperon the Army nurses, and they will be perfectly safe. They are very old ladies, and I intend that they shall start at least a half an hour ahead of anybody else. I am going to take the liberty of detaching Comrade Stevens, Comrade Shaw, and Comrade Hendershot, of Oregon, to accompany me, and I do that because these three comrades are familiar with the Highway and can point out to these old ladies the beauty thereof and help them in their infirmities.

There are nine Ex-Prisoners of War, and if Walker, the adjutant general, when you are done voting, will come into the anteroom I will give him his tickets. There are 399 delegates of the Woman's Relief Corps, who will be provided with tickets. There are 360 delegates to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and they will be supplied with tickets. There are about 85 Daughters of Veterans, and they will get their tickets. Each of the departments of the G. A. R. filed with the secretary a list of their voting strength and the number that desired to go, and the number of women not delegates to the others, and I have here an envelope with tickets for each one of the departments, and when you are done voting—for you are not going to get these tickets until you get through with your business—when you get done voting, I want the assistant adjutant general of the Ex-Prisoners of War and of each of the departments to meet me in the anteroom and I will give to him in a separate envelope the tickets allotted to his department.

Now, no kicking against me. If any mistake has been made, it has been the mistake of your assistant adjutant general. If there is any cussing coming out of this, give it to him and not me.

As to the trip, it is about 42 miles by auto and about 60 by boat. There are three steamboats. Each of the tickets designates whether up by boat and down by auto, or up by auto and down by boat. On the corner of the steamboat ticket is printed the names of the three steamboats. One is the *Georgianna*. You will find them right on the corner. The steamboats will leave the foot of Alder Street. The boats will be there at the landing and they start at 7.30 sharp. You who get tickets to go by boat must be there. You will be required to show your tickets and no man or woman gets on the boat unless he has got a ticket. On the other hand, there will be enough autos to take all those who receive tickets "up by auto and down by boat."

At Bonneville, at the boat landing of the Oregon Railway Co., there is an inclosed park with gates. No one will be admitted into that park except upon a ticket, and each and every one who is so admitted will receive a box lunch. You don't have to take anything with you.

Now, we know there are a great many who are not delegates who would like to go, but they must not apply until all of the comrades who hold tickets are in autos or on the boats. After that we hope to take up a thousand or two. I don't know that we have got autos enough for that, but I am told we have got 600 autos. You may announce to your friends who are not delegates and who do not have tickets, to be down at the Multnomah at 9 o'clock.

It is about five hours ride by boat. The expectation is that those going by auto will have had their lunch and be ready to take the steamboat, and those who get off the boats will have their lunch and then take the autos. It is expected the autos will get there before the boats, by reason of the shorter distance.

I can not tell when they will get back, for you may have punctured tires and all this and that. You have got to take your chances with the chauffeur. I want you to bear this in mind, because you who know me best know that I am thin-skinned and fine-haired and liable to get mad when a fellow asks me what I conceive he ought to know all about.

Come into the anteroom and get your tickets, and each of you must get your tickets from the assistant adjutant general. Now, are there any questions? If you get a ticket reading up by auto and your wife gets one reading up by boat, possibly you can trade with somebody else. If you don't, you will have to stay separate. Read your tickets and they will tell you how to go. I have the tickets for the commander in chief, the line officers, and the past commanders in chief, and for the Army Nurses, and I will distribute them myself.

**THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.** Hear the announcement of the vote on junior vice commander in chief.

**Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE.** Total number of votes cast 553; necessary to a choice 277. Of those votes Butler received 148 and Haber 405.

**Comrade WILLIAM BUTLER,** of Colorado and Wyoming. On behalf of my friends who have so gallantly supported me, I would move that the election be made unanimous.

**THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.** The comrade is declared duly elected. The roll will be called for nominations for surgeon general. If you will be quiet about 15 minutes, you can retire from the hall without disturbance.

The roll was called by the adjutant general for nominations for surgeon general, with the following responses:

**Comrade JOHN W. CARROLL,** of North Dakota. **Dr. H. J. Rowe,** of North Dakota, is nominated for surgeon general.

**Comrade C. T. S. PIERCE,** of Vermont. Vermont has a candidate for surgeon general, **Comrade C. M. Ferrin.**

**Comrade GEORGE D. BREED,** of Wisconsin. **H. R. Bird,** of Wisconsin.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, with the following results, as shown by the reports of the tellers, **Comrades J. W. Carroll,** of North Dakota, and **Charles H. Henry,** of Wisconsin.



Department.	Rowe.	Ferrin.	Bird.
Alabama.....	1		
Arizona.....		1	
Arkansas.....		26	10
California and Nevada.....		11	
Colorado and Wyoming.....		6	
Connecticut.....		2	
Delaware.....			
Florida.....	7		
Georgia and South Carolina.....		14	
Idaho.....	19	2	3
Illinois.....	12		
Indiana.....		10	
Iowa.....	20		
Kansas.....		6	
Kentucky.....			
Louisiana and Mississippi.....		10	
Maine.....		5	
Maryland.....		25	
Massachusetts.....	5	5	
Michigan.....	3		
Minnesota.....		11	
Missouri.....	11		
Montana.....	3	3	4
Nebraska.....		5	
New Hampshire.....		7	
New Jersey.....			
New Mexico.....		48	
New York.....	11		
North Dakota.....		22	
Ohio.....	13		
Oklahoma.....			3
Oregon.....		9	
Pennsylvania.....		5	
Potomac.....		4	
Rhode Island.....	1	13	
South Dakota.....			
Tennessee.....			
Texas.....		6	
Utah.....		5	
Vermont.....		3	
Virginia and North Carolina.....		10	6
Washington and Alaska.....			
West Virginia.....			18
Wisconsin.....			
Total.....	106	274	44

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. McBRIDE. Total number of votes cast, 414. Necessary to a choice, 208. Of these Rowe received 106, Ferrin received 264, and Bird received 44.

Comrade H. J. ROWE, of North Dakota. I move that the election be made unanimous.

Comrade JOHN C. GIPSON, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the vote be made unanimous. All in favor of the motion will say aye. It is carried, and Comrade Ferrin is declared duly elected surgeon general.

The next and last in order is chaplain in chief. This is a very dignified office, and I hope your manner will be in keeping with the duties we are about to perform.

Comrade **GEORGE A. HOSLEY**, of Massachusetts. I arise to place in nomination a man who will dignify this position, a man who is a doctor of divinity, and who has been a professor of theology in the University of Chicago, who served in a Pennsylvania regiment, and who will lend dignity to this position. Now, I am not going to take up the time of the encampment with any speech here to show myself off. You all know him. I have the great pleasure of placing in nomination Rev. Dr. Philip A. Nordell, of Massachusetts:

Past Commander in Chief **W. J. PATTERSON**. I rise on the part of Pennsylvania to second the nomination of Comrade Nordell, of Massachusetts, for chaplain in chief.

Comrade **A. J. VINING**, of California and Nevada. I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination.

Comrade **LEWIS S. PILCHER**, of New York. The department of New York takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of the Rev. Dr. Nordell.

Comrade **CHRISTIAN QUIEN**, of Connecticut. I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of my friend Nordell.

Comrade **LEVI LONGFELLOW**, of Minnesota. If it is in order, I move that we suspend the rules and that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the ballot of the encampment for Comrade Nordell for chaplain in chief.

Comrade **JOHN H. ROBERTS**, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. A motion has been made that the rules be suspended, and that the adjutant general be directed to cast the ballot of this encampment for Comrade Philip A. Nordell for chaplain in chief. Are you ready for the question? All favoring it will make it known by saying aye. It is carried.

Adj. Gen. **ROBERT W. MCBRIDE**. The adjutant general casts the unanimous vote of this encampment for the Rev. Philip A. Nordell for chaplain in chief.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. And I declare him duly elected. The election, I believe, is completed. I wish you would dignify the installation of officers by your presence, and not get up and rush out.

Comrade **P. H. CONEY**, of Kansas. The council of administration must be elected.

Adj. Gen. **ROBERT W. MCBRIDE**. The following nominations have been made for members of the council of administration:

Department.	Name.	Address.
Alabama.....	F. G. Sheppard.....	Birmingham.
Arizona.....		
Arkansas.....	Cos Altenberg.....	Little Rock.
California and Nevada.....	W. A. Huddart.....	Berkeley, Cal.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	D. N. Heiser.....	Colorado Springs.
Connecticut.....	Harry L. Beach.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Wm. A. Truitt.....	Milford.
Florida.....	A. C. Shaffer.....	Lakeland.
Georgia and South Carolina...	W. M. Scott.....	Atlanta, Ga.

Department.	Name.	Address.
Idaho.....	G. F. Kimery.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	John B. Inman.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	Milton Garrigus.....	Kokomo.
Iowa.....	J. W. Willett.....	Tama.
Kansas.....	Geo. F. Pendarvis.....	Parsons.
Kentucky.....	Americus Whedon.....	Washington, D. C.
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	A. J. Barrett.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	H. E. Merriam.....	Gardiner.
Maryland.....	John A. Thompson, jr.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Francis E. Mole.....	Adams.
Michigan.....	R. A. Parker.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	Philip G. Woodward.....	Anoka.
Missouri.....	John M. Williams.....	California.
Montana.....	George H. Taylor.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	John A. Ehrhardt.....	Stanton.
New Hampshire.....	William Blair.....	Berlin.
New Jersey.....	Alfred Atkins.....	Roselle Park.
New Mexico.....	Lee H. Rudisille.....	White Oaks.
New York.....	George A. Price.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	H. F. Dinsmore.....	Ellendale.
Ohio.....	John C. Roland.....	Cleveland.
Oklahoma.....	F. M. Cline.....	Woodward.
Oregon.....	F. H. Lamb.....	Inverness, Cal.
Pennsylvania.....	J. Andrew Wilt.....	Towanda.
Potomac.....	John Middleton.....	Washington.
Rhode Island.....	John A. Medbery.....	East Providence.
South Dakota.....	E. L. Hurlbut.....	Rapid City.
Tennessee.....	Newton Hacker.....	Jonesboro.
Texas.....	M. B. Young.....	Weatherford.
Utah.....	Elias Price.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	E. E. Pierce.....	Springfield.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	W. H. House.....	Portsmouth.
Washington and Alaska.....	J. E. Gandy.....	Spokane.
West Virginia.....	L. B. Moore.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	D. G. James.....	Richland.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the nominations.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. I move you that we suspend the rules, and declare them elected by acclamation.

Comrade ADDISON JONES, of Illinois. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I believe there is nothing in our regulations that permits us to elect officers otherwise than by ballot. The rules will be suspended, and the adjutant general will cast the ballot of the encampment.

The motion prevailed.

Adj. Gen. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE. The adjutant general casts the unanimous vote of this encampment for the comrades named.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The comrades named then will constitute the council of administration for the ensuing year. Is there any other business before the installation of officers? If anyone thinks of anything or has anything to suggest that might properly come before the encampment, now is the time to speak.

Comrade ALFRED ATKINS, of New Jersey. Will there be an announcement of the meeting of the national council of administration, so that we will know the time and place?

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF**. There will be an announcement made of the meeting of the council of administration by the commander in chief elect. He will be installed, and then he will make the announcement.

If there is nothing further to come before the encampment, the installation of officers will be in order, and I hope you comrades may remain and witness the installation. Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur will be the installing officer. I turn the gavel over to the installing officer. I presume it is about the last act of my administration.

I say to you that it has been a most remarkable administration to me, and it will give me an abiding pleasure to remember that I have had only friendships and likes, and no hates or dislikes during my administration. Now, I turn the gavel over to the installing officer, who will put in my position another commander in chief, for whom I bespeak a like treatment, and with that I am sure his administration will be the equal of any that has preceded it. Installing officer, I place the gavel in your hands.

Past Commander in Chief **LEO RASSIEUR**. Comrades, as the senior past commander in chief present, I have been requested to install the officers that you have elected. I will appoint Comrade S. D. Webster, of Missouri, to act as officer of the day.

The adjutant general then read a list of the newly elected officers, and the following officers elect being present were duly installed:

Commander in Chief C. E. Adams, of Nebraska.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Charles H. Haber, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Chaplain in Chief Philip A. Nordell, of Massachusetts.

Commander in Chief Adams then announced the appointment of the following officers, and they were duly installed:

Adjutant General A. M. Trimble, of Nebraska.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

Patriotic Instructor Geo. D. Kellogg, of California and Nevada.

The **INSTALLING OFFICER**. Is there anyone here now who has not been installed, any one of the officers who was not present a moment ago? The rules direct that the commander in chief will either install them or have some department commander in the jurisdiction in which these officers reside install them and report to the commander in chief so that the evidence will be on record at headquarters that every officer has been properly installed.

Commander in Chief, it gives me great pleasure to place upon your breast the badge of the commander in chief of the greatest organization for the present in this country. I also desire to hand you the gavel, the emblem of your authority, and formally induct you into your office. I declare you duly installed.

The **COMMANDER IN CHIEF** (C. E. Adams). Comrades, I realize that this gavel has come to my hands through a society of men that carries an honor with it that is a greater honor than any society, organization, or even government can bestow upon any of their membership. [Applause.] In the use of this gavel I will endeavor to serve you faithfully, loyally, and patriotically.

I wish to say to you, my comrades, that a few months ago I was called back into the service of the United States Army. I want to

admit to you that my old service numbers 72 years, but in this new service, including the handling of this gavel, I will be about 21 years old. To be able to put the punch in it that is necessary I want your assistance, I want your support, I want you loyally to stand by the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I trust that you will guide me in all my acts and actions. I thank you.

I want to make an announcement now that the council of administration will meet at headquarters at the Multnomah Hotel at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Comrade Burton wishes to make an announcement.

Past Commander in Chief CHARLES G. BURTON. Here are some tickets that have not been called for: The departments of South Dakota, West Virginia, Oregon, Montana, Arizona. Very well; you gentlemen will bear witness that it is not my fault that these departments did not get their tickets.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Owing to war transportation, I wish to state that the badges for the new officers have not been received here, and to assure them that they will be mailed to them in due time.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no further business to come before this encampment I will declare the Fifty-second Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed without form. It is so closed. (1.23 p. m.)





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## REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 8, 1918.*

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

DEAR COMRADE: The commander in chief asked me to represent him at the Maryland Encampment at Baltimore, Md., April 10 to 12, 1918, which I did with much pleasure. The encampment was very successful and I had the privilege of installing the officers.

It is with much real pleasure that I report that I acted with Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief John McElroy in helping to secure the passage of the Smoot bill.

Fraternally yours,

Y. A. C. 1010  
JOHN L. CLEM,  
*Senior Vice Commander in Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

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CHICAGO, July 15, 1918.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with your request and in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I tender my report as junior vice commander in chief. I very much regret that I have not had the opportunity of rendering to the commander in chief and my comrades a more extended service. I have, however, filled every request and detail and have found very much pleasure in so doing, as my duties have caused me to meet many of my comrades.

During the year we have been called to mourn the departure of many very dear comrades. They have crossed over and await us on the other side, where we must inevitably follow them.

During the year we have been blessed with a commander in chief who so faithfully performed his duty during every hour of his term of service by day and by night, in season and out of season, that every comrade has received many benefits. Very many of us have received a very handsome increase to our pensions, and there has been obtained a rate of fare both in cost of tickets and sleepers so low as to enable many of us to attend this encampment, and without which many of us would not be here. For these as well as very many other benefits we are in large part indebted to our beloved commander in chief, whose efforts contributed greatly to the result.

Since we met in Boston the war measures have increased and many hundreds of thousands of men have taken their places in the ranks to enforce the principles for which war was declared. And now every comrade and every good citizen are giving their best efforts, together with the funds necessary to bring the war to an end, and pledge ourselves to continue to do so, be it a long or short time, until victory shall come and all the world shall enjoy the principles for which the terrible sacrifice of men was made by our beloved country.

My comrades, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for the very great honor you have given to me. I wish each of you a long, pleasant, and successful life.

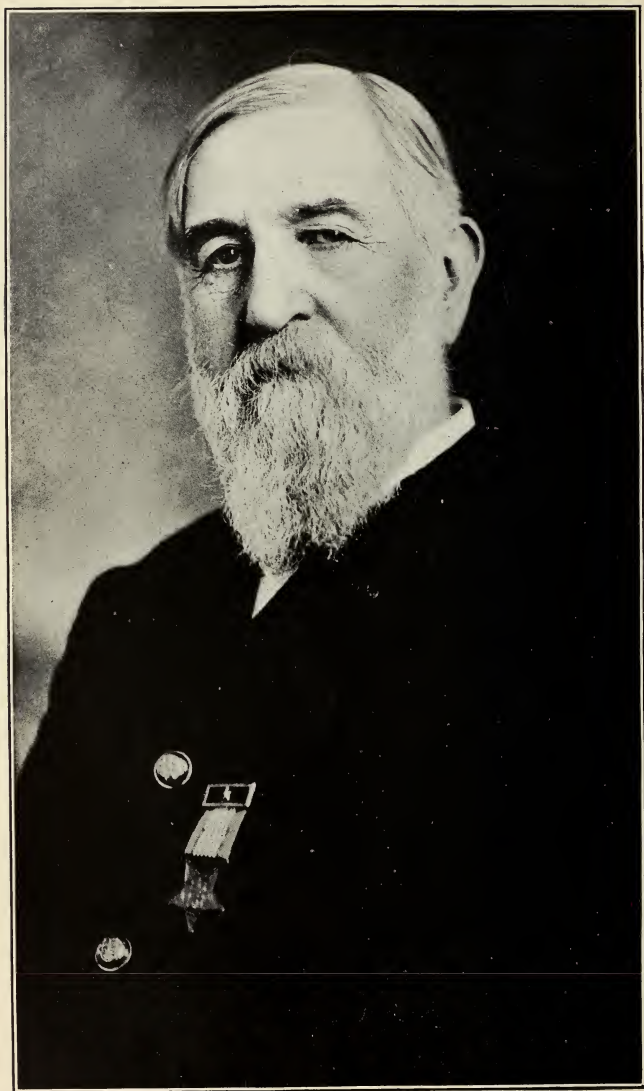
Very sincerely in F., C. and L.,

J. M. VERNON,

*Junior Vice Commander in Chief.*



JOHN M. VERNON,  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



JOHN M. ADAMS,  
Surgeon General.

## REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO, *July 15, 1918.*

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

COMRADE: In this report of the medical department of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year which will end at the convening of the national encampment at Portland I offer a few observations.

When we look at the comrades assembled at our various encampments, stimulated by the pleasure of the occasion and inspired by their old-time patriotism, they seem well preserved and mostly sturdy specimens of matured survivors of a heroic past. They are indeed selects.

Trailing along in the wake of the organization, we may know thousands of comrades, patriotic and devoted to the principles for which they fought in the days of their youth, who are now unable to make the same showing. Years have been added to their years and infirmities have encroached upon them. To the post meetings they no longer go; seldom do they meet with comrades; general orders they do not see or hear of. The organization seems to them something beyond and apart. So they suffer in spirit while they drift away to their final resting place. To these comrades I would send a word.

When the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in 1866 its members, excepting those permanently disabled, were yet in the active and productive period of life, their average age about 23 years. The methods of the organization then established continue to this day, notwithstanding the changes which have overtaken the comrades.

A State without the means of some change is without the means of its conservation.—*Burke.*

To the comrades I would say the stamina which has enabled you to continue so long will not permit you to falter now nor complain of the burdens and the limitations placed upon you by nature. If you refer to a letter addressed to you some time ago through the columns of that indispensable paper, the National Tribune, you will find some suggestions for your guidance in matters pertaining to your health in advanced periods of life. Reasonable activity, full daily compensation in rest, and personal resolution to the end is about enough admonition for the comrade who must shortly rest beneath the stars.

In those days of warfare for the preservation of the Union the comrades of the Grand Army cast their bread upon the waters. It has returned a hundredfold in the greatness of our country, the heroism of our young men, and the unparalleled resolution of a mighty people. The comrades of 1861 to 1865 builded the house; their sons will protect it and add to it. In a glorious future their deeds will be recorded.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN M. ADAMS,  
*Surgeon General.*

## REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF.

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HELENA, MONT., *July 20, 1918.*

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In submitting my report I desire, first, to express my heartfelt appreciation for the honor conferred upon me at the Fifty-first National Encampment in electing me to the high office of chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. My deepest interest and most fervent prayer is for the moral and spiritual welfare of the Grand Army, the noblest and most American organization of our beloved country.

In no year in the history of our order have the comrades manifested greater patriotism, respect for the flag, memory for the dead, and interest in spiritual matters than the present, all of which have a beneficent influence upon the rising generation and a salutary effect over our valiant sons in arms across the sea.

It is due that we, collectively, should render thanks unto God, our Heavenly Father, who so graciously has spanned out our lives (average age is near 74 years) that so many have been spared to see and comprehend what was the magnitude of the service rendered to our country in 1861-1865, and to know that the principles for which we fought then are being tested now in the crucible of the world war, in which the United States has a credited place and part in the conflict. Victoriously we shall win! Lincoln said, "My hope of success in this great and terrible struggle (the Civil War) rests on that immutable foundation, the justice and goodness of God, and when events are very threatening and prospects are very dark, I still hope in some way, which man can not see, all will be well in the end, because our cause is just and God is on our side."

Let us look to Him who overruleth all things. Paul said, "I have confidence in God to trust Him."

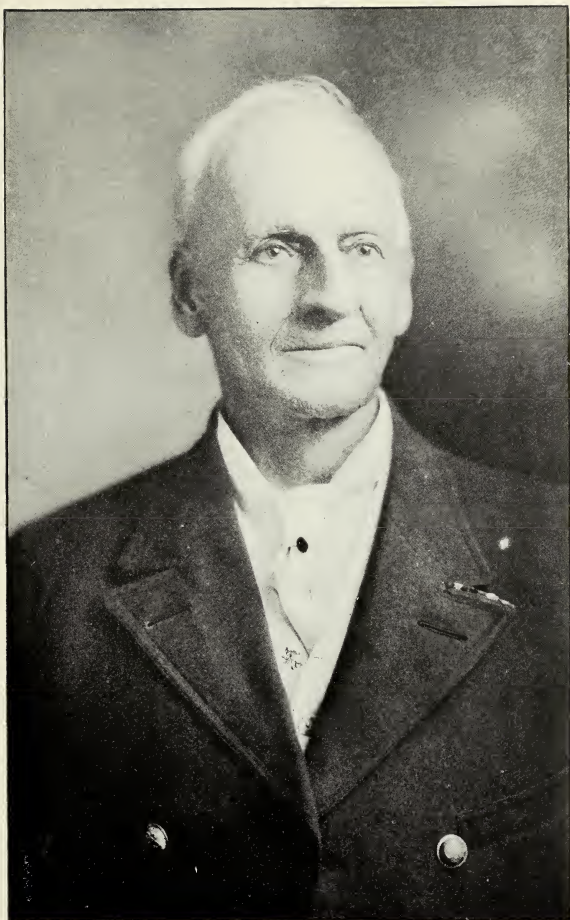
### REMARKS BY DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS.

*Missouri.*—"The love of country and freedom that flamed up with such sudden brilliancy in the youthful hearts of the men of the Civil War continues to burn unabated after the lapse of 53 years. Veterans are diligent in visiting the sick, ministering to the wants of the needy, burying their deceased comrades with the honors of the Grand Army, and comforting the bereaved."

*Maine.*—"Aged veterans take great pains in placing flags upon and decorating the graves of the comrades, and the spirit manifest is fine."

*West Virginia.*—"We have had the best encampment this season held for many years; few in numbers, spirit of patriotism high."





CHARLES H. FRADY, D. D.,  
Chaplain in Chief.



*Oregon.*—"Most of the posts observed Memorial Day in due form and with suitable programs. Public interested."

*Ohio.*—"Never were Memorial Day services more universally observed or better attended by comrades, the public school children, the allied organizations, and the public of this department than this year, 1918. At our State encampment, the patriotism and spiritual expression was good. We are like the ripening apple near the gathering time. May every comrade be ready to answer 'here' when his name is called."

*New Mexico.*—"The people of this State fully appreciate what the Grand Army of the Republic has done for the United States. New Mexico has no use for the Socialists and their twin brothers, the pro-Germans, I. W. W., anarchists, and last, but not least, the peace-at-any-price, mollicoddle sissies."

*Louisiana.*—"In the sixties, scarce one of ten (colored comrades) could sign their own names to the enlisting roll. The true-hearted comrades of your race (white) helped us to freedom and better conditions. Most of those comrades have been laid away. We cherish their memory and decorate their graves annually. Our department is small in numbers."

*Pennsylvania.*—"The general impression is that Memorial Day ought to be made a sacred holiday. No amusements allowed, no races or ball games; sale of intoxicants prohibited, and nothing else permitted that would detract the attention of the people from the one purpose of the day."

*South Dakota.*—"Impress upon the post chaplains the importance of making out their reports immediately following Memorial Day, and that they forward the same at once to their respective department chaplain, who in turn can compile his department report for the chaplain in chief in due time."

#### REPORTS.

Number of departments	44
Number of posts in departments	4, 929
Membership in departments	112, 073
Number of departments reporting	37
Number of posts in departments reporting	4, 309
Membership in departments reporting	107, 939
Memorial services held	2, 893
Burial plots in departments reporting	1, 278
Deaths of comrades in departments reporting	10, 422
Number of cemeteries decorated in departments reporting	8, 808
Number of graves decorated in departments reporting	709, 378

The loss by death during the year is near one-tenth of the membership.

The number of the members of the W. R. C., the ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, other organizations, and children of the public schools who participated in the memorial services can not be given, but from reports rendered it is safe to say that in no year has Memorial Day been so fully represented by the above, respectively, as at our last National Memorial Day. In fact, only by the timely help of these societies could so many of our fallen comrades have been honored. This, together with the means furnished by the Southern Memorial Fund for the Southland, assured us but few of the graves of our comrades missed being decorated. A large number of graves of Confederate soldiers at rest in the ceme-

teries of the North were decorated by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Some departments report the need of headstones for the graves of deceased comrades. It is very urgent that these should be furnished early, before their resting places are forgotten. Let those that have the matter in charge get busy. The question of making the 30th day of May a Memorial Day for all deceased soldiers of the Civil War, Spanish-American War and of the world war is suggested, which I indorse.

In conclusion, I am truly thankful to God and the comrades for the opportunity of serving as chaplain in chief.

My prayers and best efforts shall be for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

C. H. FRADY,  
*Chaplain in Chief.*



ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
Adjutant General.



C. A. WILLIAMS,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



## REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *July 16, 1918.*

Comrade ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief G. A. R.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: In compliance with the requirements of rules and regulations, I submit my report as adjutant general.

As you know, my appointment was unsolicited and unexpected, and was accepted with much hesitancy and misgiving. This was not because I did not appreciate the honor of thus serving you and my comrades, but because I felt that other duties would make it impossible for me to give the necessary attention to the work. Now that the term is drawing to its close, I am glad to have been associated with you, and to have had the privilege of assisting in some degree in matters that have been of substantial benefit to our comrades.

Your administration will be gratefully remembered by every beneficiary of the increased pension rate, and because of the grant of the 1-cent-a-mile railroad rate to the national encampment at Portland, Oreg., which was given us by Hon. William G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads, as the result of a personal interview with him.

I have greatly enjoyed the opportunities afforded of personal contact and acquaintance with such a large number of the members of our organization.

A detailed statistical table, which accompanies and is a part of this report, shows the condition of our membership at this time. One year ago we carried on our rolls 135,931. Now I am only able to report a remaining membership of 120,916. This shows a loss of 15,015. Of this number 11,553 have answered the last roll call.

I take this occasion to thank you for your uniform kindness and courtesy that has made the work easier and the year pleasant.

I wish also in this way to express my thanks and my feeling of personal obligation to your secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood; also to Mrs. J. P. Hoster and Miss Alta I. Littell, who rendered valuable assistance during Miss Flood's absence from headquarters because of serious illness.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General.*

*Consolidated returns of posts and membership Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for year ending Dec. 31, 1917.*

Departments.	Dec. 31, 1916.		Dec. 31, 1917.		Posts.		Members.	
	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.
Alabama.....	5	76	3	60	.....	2	.....	16
Arizona.....	5	97	5	75	.....	.....	.....	22
Arkansas.....	13	291	7	163	.....	6	.....	128
California and Nevada.....	95	5, 261	95	5, 050	.....	.....	.....	211
Colorado and Wyoming.....	52	1, 591	50	1, 484	.....	2	.....	107
Connecticut.....	61	2, 007	59	1, 816	.....	2	.....	191
Delaware.....	16	321	16	284	.....	.....	.....	37
Florida.....	24	732	20	663	.....	4	.....	69
Georgia and South Carolina.....	9	143	7	119	.....	2	.....	24
Idaho.....	18	381	18	370	.....	.....	.....	11
Illinois.....	410	10, 472	393	9, 376	.....	17	.....	1, 096
Indiana.....	264	8, 205	249	7, 250	.....	15	.....	955
Iowa.....	303	7, 120	288	6, 513	.....	15	.....	607
Kansas.....	282	6, 885	257	6, 084	.....	25	.....	801
Kentucky.....	57	788	50	620	.....	7	.....	168
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	34	486	22	276	.....	12	.....	210
Maine.....	131	2, 630	119	2, 243	.....	12	.....	387
Maryland.....	53	1, 138	49	993	.....	4	.....	145
Massachusetts.....	200	8, 243	200	7, 483	.....	.....	.....	760
Michigan.....	252	6, 257	240	5, 553	.....	12	.....	704
Minnesota.....	144	2, 692	134	2, 423	.....	10	.....	269
Missouri.....	183	3, 884	147	3, 183	.....	36	.....	701
Montana.....	10	225	14	276	4	.....	51	.....
Nebraska.....	176	2, 911	171	2, 651	.....	5	.....	260
New Hampshire.....	70	1, 356	68	1, 227	.....	2	.....	129
New Jersey.....	96	2, 592	94	2, 310	.....	2	.....	282
New Mexico.....	10	109	8	95	.....	2	.....	14
New York.....	516	14, 045	501	12, 416	.....	15	.....	1, 629
North Dakota.....	22	222	22	196	.....	.....	.....	26
Ohio.....	492	13, 869	478	12, 456	.....	14	.....	1, 413
Oklahoma.....	53	1, 096	55	1, 054	2	.....	.....	42
Oregon.....	62	1, 778	62	1, 721	.....	.....	.....	57
Pennsylvania.....	503	14, 560	471	12, 670	.....	32	.....	1, 890
Potomac.....	13	1, 074	12	963	.....	1	.....	111
Rhode Island.....	23	887	21	796	.....	2	.....	91
South Dakota.....	57	766	55	708	.....	2	.....	58
Tennessee.....	29	783	18	552	.....	11	.....	231
Texas.....	12	310	11	283	.....	1	.....	27
Utah.....	5	218	5	212	.....	.....	.....	6
Vermont.....	85	1, 526	85	1, 405	.....	.....	.....	121
Virginia and North Carolina.....	28	346	25	303	.....	3	.....	43
Washington and Alaska.....	73	2, 442	65	2, 215	.....	8	.....	227
West Virginia.....	29	870	29	738	.....	.....	.....	32
Wisconsin.....	191	4, 247	165	3, 588	.....	26	.....	659
Aggregate.....	5, 166	135, 931	4, 863	120, 916	6	309	51	15, 066
Net loss.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303	.....	15, 015

## RECAPITULATION.

Members in good standing Dec. 31, 1916	135,931
Gains:	
By muster	1,765
By transfer	1,319
By reinstatement	2,267
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	1,390
Total	6,741
Aggregate	142,672
Losses:	
By death	11,553
By honorable discharge	215
By transfer	957
By suspension	4,567
By dishonorable discharge	1
By delinquent reports	3,306
By surrender of charter	761
Total	21,756
Membership in good standing Dec. 31, 1917	120,916
Posts in good standing Dec. 31, 1917	4,863
Net loss for the year	15,015
Total number remaining suspended Dec. 31, 1917	2,232
Number dropped during the year	731
Number of posts that surrendered charters	142
Number of posts mustered	0
Expended in relief during the year	\$55,824.42
Members and families relieved	1,717
Other than families relieved	361

## REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *August 1, 1918.*

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,

*Commander in Chief, G. A. R.*

My DEAR COMMANDER: I submit herewith my official report as quartermaster general for the term ending August 1, 1918.

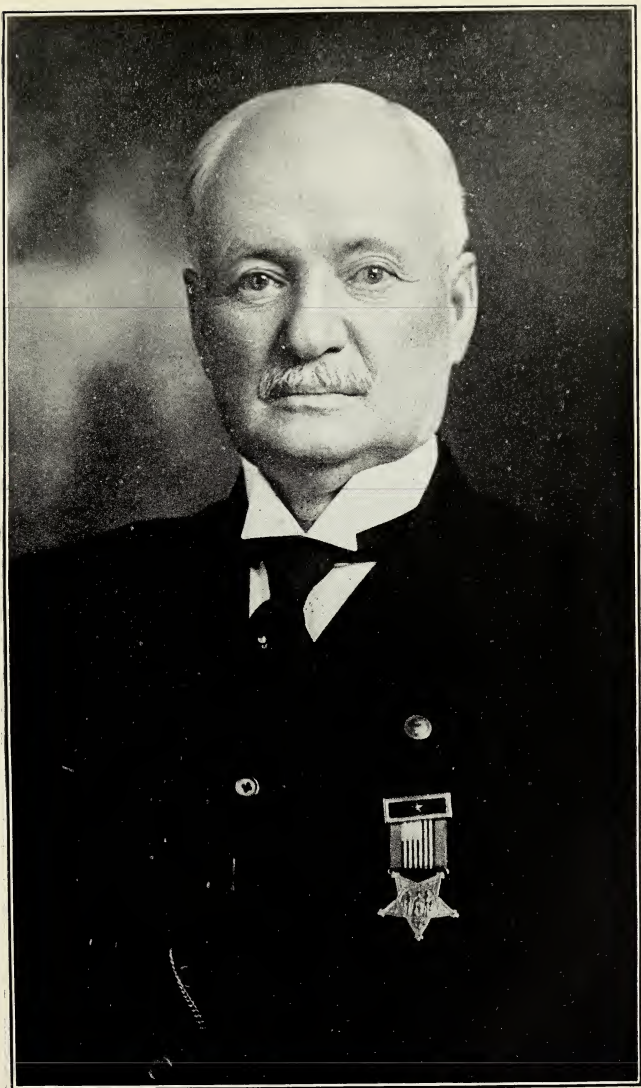
Notwithstanding the many calls that have been made upon our comrades and the increase in expenses in every direction, the order has been able to maintain its high standard and a fairly good financial condition and has been prepared to meet the demands made upon it, as is shown in my detailed reports attached. The toll of the Grim Reaper has been very heavy during the past term, many of our comrades having slipped away to meet the Great Commander, but the spirit of loyalty and activity of those who are left, in all that tends to the good of our order, was never more alive than at the present time, and the memory of what we did to save the Nation has incited in the breasts of the people, and especially of the rising generation, emotions of patriotism such as were exemplified in the boys of a half century ago. Just as we saved the Flag, so shall our sons save it, because we inspired them to be Americans, and America would not be able to cope with the greatest crisis in the history of the world had not the members of the Grand Army of the Republic gone forth in the days of their young manhood to give up their lives, if necessary, for Old Glory.

"I have seen the shining faces of the soldiers of to-day  
As they marched in splendid uniforms to sail across the sea,  
With the will to prove their mettle in the fiercest of the fight  
And the faith that God was with them in the battle for the right;  
But I've never lost the loyalty, in childhood's days begun,  
For the comrades of my father and the boys of '61.

I have seen the shining faces of the soldiers of to-day,  
And my heart goes out in love for them and pride in their array;  
But the kindly, grizzled features of the men whom Lincoln blest,  
As they older grow and dearer, ever seem to me the best;  
For I know that should our country ask their help with sword or gun  
The response would be unanimous from the boys of '61."

Again we have been aided by our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, who gave us a liberal donation of \$1,000 on August 22, 1917, and also a donation of \$1,000 for the southern memorial fund on April 1, 1918. This noble organization is surely our auxiliary in every sense of the word, and to the national president and her associate officers and members we are greatly indebted, and at this time wish to express our full and sincere appreciation of their valued cooperation. We also acknowledge with thanks contributions from our other allied societies, as shown in the tabulated statements.

The suggestion offered last year, and fully concurred in by the national encampment, relating to semiannual reports of the several



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departments, has worked as satisfactorily as we expected it would, and we believe it is meeting universal approval. I also wish to commend the suggestion made by you as commander in chief, and so successfully carried out, to pro rate an assessment on the several departments to defray the expenses of properly taking care of the graves of our comrades who are sleeping in the Southland.

The Journal of the Fifty-first National Encampment has been printed and distributed, and for this we thank the committee on legislation, our friends in the House and Senate, and Mr. George H. Carter, clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing.

With kindest regards and best fraternal wishes to you, our associate officers, and comrades, and the assurance that I shall ever have the most pleasant memories of the term during which I have been associated with you and your administration, I am,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

COLA D. R. STOWITS,  
*Quartermaster General.*

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

*Transcript of books, Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, 1917.*

BUFFALO, N. Y., September 1, 1917.

Cash balance in all funds, as reported to the fifty-first national encampment.....	\$3, 902. 47
Subsequent receipts:	
Sale of supplies.....	\$18. 45
Per capita tax.....	. 43
Southern memorial fund.....	148. 25
Woman's Relief Corps.....	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Veterans.....	250. 00
Sons of Veterans' Auxilliary.....	250. 00
Total.....	1, 667. 13
Total.....	5, 569. 60
Disbursements:	
For traveling.....	189. 95
For expense—incidentals.....	232. 13
For expense—1,500 rolls.....	125. 00
For expense—1,500 reports.....	196. 00
For express charges to Boston.....	24. 02
For transfer to permanent fund.....	500. 00
Total.....	1, 267. 10
Total cash in all funds.....	4, 302. 50
To be credited as follows:	
General fund.....	3, 273. 04
Southern memorial fund.....	1, 029. 46
Total.....	4, 302. 50

## ACCOUNT CURRENT.

## DEBIT.

Cash received for term ending Aug. 1, 1918:

General fund, supplemental report, Sept. 1, 1917	\$3, 273. 04	
Southern memorial fund	1, 029. 46	
		\$4, 302. 50
Sale of supplies	1, 656. 96	
Per capita tax	4, 232. 32	
Southern memorial fund	3, 169. 85	
Interest from permanent fund	2, 500. 00	
Wagner & Taylor, refund	1. 51	
Pennsylvania Railroad, for damages	3. 50	
Refund from Tennessee	31. 70	
Interest on bank balance	88. 64	
		11, 684. 48
Total		15, 986. 98

## CREDIT.

Cash paid out term ending Aug. 1, 1918:

For supplies	1, 289. 21	
For traveling	2, 200. 75	
For salaries	3, 400. 00	
For southern memorial fund	1, 605. 00	
For incidental expenses	3, 019. 37	
		11, 514. 33

Total on hand in all funds Aug. 1, 1918

4, 472. 65

To be credited as follows:

General fund	1, 846. 64	
Southern memorial fund	2, 626. 01	
		4, 472. 65

## ASSETS.

Cash, general fund	1, 846. 64	
Cash, southern memorial fund	2, 626. 01	
Supplies on hand	1, 450. 00	
Furniture on hand	250. 00	
Lithograph stone	20. 00	
Gun metal	200. 00	
		6, 392. 65
Total		6, 392. 65

*Sale of supplies for term ending Aug. 1, 1918.*

Alabama	\$3. 15
Arizona	2. 22
Arkansas	1. 00
California and Nevada	119. 10
Colorado and Wyoming	29. 27
Connecticut	17. 92
Delaware	
Florida	33. 23
Georgia and South Carolina	. 50
Idaho	2. 80
Illinois	83. 50
Indiana	74. 87
Iowa	92. 25
Kansas	50. 25
Kentucky	2. 75
Louisiana and Mississippi	
Maine	10. 75
Maryland	8. 70
Massachusetts	112. 05
Michigan	50. 45
Minnesota	16. 50
Missouri	55. 43
Montana	6. 05
Nebraska	8. 01
New Hampshire	14. 05
New Jersey	34. 15
New Mexico	
New York	153. 95
North Dakota	. 60
Ohio	78. 00
Oklahoma	23. 35
Oregon	65. 60
Pennsylvania	108. 61
Potomac	4. 45
Rhode Island	14. 23
South Dakota	15. 00
Tennessee	8. 21
Texas	6. 80
Utah	3. 54
Vermont	16. 90
Virginia and North Carolina	8. 37
Washington and Alaska	51. 45
West Virginia	5. 00
Wisconsin	28. 75
Smith Stimmel, judge advocate	1. 00
John L. Clem, senior vice commander in chief	. 50
Aides-de-camp	233. 70
Total	1, 656. 96

*Per capita tax, southern memorial fund, interest, etc., received for term ending Aug. 1, 1918.*

	Dec. 31, 1917.	June 30, 1918.	Southern memorial fund.	General fund.
Alabama.....	\$1. 06	\$1. 05	.....	.....
Arizona.....	1. 32	1. 31	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	2. 86	2. 86	.....	.....
California and Nevada.....	88. 38	88. 38	\$61. 00	.....
Colorado and Wyoming.....	25. 97	25. 97	30. 00	.....
Connecticut.....	31. 78	31. 78	133. 00	.....
Delaware.....	4. 97	4. 97	5. 00	.....
Florida.....	11. 61	11. 61	.....	.....
Georgia and South Carolina.....	2. 08	2. 08	.....	.....
Idaho.....	6. 47	6. 47	.....	.....
Illinois.....	164. 08	164. 08	36. 00	.....
Indiana.....	126. 88	126. 88	73. 25	.....
Iowa.....	113. 97	113. 97	102. 00	.....
Kansas.....	106. 47	106. 47	34. 50	.....
Kentucky.....	10. 85	10. 85	5. 00	.....
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	4. 83	4. 83	.....	.....
Maine.....	39. 25	39. 25	.....	.....
Maryland.....	17. 38	17. 38	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	130. 95	130. 95	262. 00	.....
Michigan.....	97. 18	97. 18	104. 00	.....
Minnesota.....	42. 41	42. 41	149. 00	.....
Missouri.....	55. 70	55. 70	50. 00	.....
Montana.....	4. 83	4. 83	10. 00	.....
Nebraska.....	46. 40	46. 40	68. 85	.....
New Hampshire.....	21. 47	21. 47	25. 00	.....
New Jersey.....	40. 43	40. 43	97. 50	.....
New Mexico.....	1. 66	1. 68	.....	.....
New York.....	217. 28	217. 28	267. 90	.....
North Dakota.....	3. 43	3. 43	10. 00	.....
Ohio.....	217. 98	217. 98	200. 00	.....
Oklahoma.....	18. 45	18. 45	.....	.....
Oregon.....	30. 12	30. 12	72. 35	.....
Pennsylvania.....	221. 73	221. 73	31. 00	.....
Potomac.....	16. 85	16. 85	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	13. 93	13. 93	34. 00	.....
South Dakota.....	12. 39	12. 54	3. 50	.....
Tennessee.....	9. 66	9. 66	.....	.....
Texas.....	4. 96	4. 96	.....	.....
Utah.....	3. 71	3. 71	.....	.....
Vermont.....	24. 59	24. 59	20. 50	.....
Virginia and North Carolina.....	5. 30	5. 30	.....	.....
Washington and Alaska.....	38. 75	38. 76	76. 00	.....
West Virginia.....	12. 92	12. 92	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	62. 79	62. 79	27. 50	.....
Woman's Relief Corps.....	.....	.....	1, 000. 00	.....
Ladies of the G. A. R.....	.....	.....	181. 00	.....
Wagner & Taylor, refund.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1. 51
Pennsylvania R. R., damages.....	.....	.....	.....	3. 50
W. J. Patterson, treasurer, accrued interest.....	.....	.....	.....	2, 500. 00
Refund from Tennessee.....	.....	.....	31. 70	.....
Interest, bank.....	.....	.....	.....	88. 64
Total.....	2, 116. 08	2, 116. 24	3, 201. 55	2, 593. 65

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Traveling.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1917. Sept. 11	1	Robert W. McBride, express charges, etc.....					\$13. 74
	2	W. H. Horstman Co., badge ribbons.....	\$226. 72				
	3	American Surety Co., premium, quartermaster general's bond.....					12. 50
	4	Orlando A. Somers, traveling expense.....		\$200. 00			
	5	State Life Insurance Co., rent for September.....					30. 00
	6	Fulton Furniture Co., headquarters' chairs.....					23. 99
12	7	Robert W. McBride, stamped envelopes.....					76. 76
21	8	Remington Typewriter Co., repairs to machine.....					4. 50
	9	Gordon L. Elliott, reporting proceedings Fifty-first National Encampment.....					200. 00
	10	Central Phone Co., service for September.....					2. 55
29	11	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for September.....			\$33. 33		6. 25
		Expense for September.....					
	12	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for September.....			125. 00		
	13	Robert W. McBride: Salary for September.....			100. 00		13. 09
		Expense for September.....					
Oct. 4	14	Central Phone Co., service, October, November, and December.....					13. 50
	15	Central Transfer Co., freight charges.....					14. 27
	16	William B. Burford, office supplies.....					20. 50
	17	Crescent Paper Co., envelopes, etc.....					6. 10
	18	J. H. Holcomb, floral tribute "Stewart".....					20. 00
	19	Western Union Telegraph Co., September account.....					2. 92
	20	Western Union Telegraph Co., July and August account.....					26. 45
	21	State Life Insurance Co., rent for October.....					30. 00
10	22	Taylor Carpet Co., rugs for headquarters.....					50. 00
	23	American Surety Co., premium, adjutant general's bond.....					2. 50
19	24	Harrington & Folger (9300), General Orders, No. 2, postals, etc.....					80. 58

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Traveling.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1917.							
Oct. 30	25	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for October.....			\$33. 33		
		Expense for October.....					\$5. 17.
	26	Robert W. McBride: Salary for October.....			100. 00		
		Expense for October.....					18. 50
	27	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for October.....			125. 00		
	28	Harrington & Folger, for 1,500 circulars.....					7. 75
Nov. 1	29	State Life Insurance Co., rent for November.....					30. 00
	30	Oakland Express Co., shipping furniture.....					7. 50
	5	31 Jos. K. Davison's Sons, (2000) buttons.....	\$100. 00				
	30	32 Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for November.....			125. 00		
		33 Robert W. McBride: Salary for November.....			100. 00		
		Expense for November.....					9. 53
		34 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for November.....			33. 34		
		Expense for November.....					5. 19
Dec. 1	35	Harrington & Folger (9500) general orders.....					69. 42
	36	State Life Insurance Co., rent for December.....					30. 00
	5	37 J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, September, October, and November.....			75. 00		
		Expense, September, October, November.....					24. 03
	38	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges and buttons.....	225. 00				
	11	39 Griffith - Stillings Press, (1300) commissions.....					72. 50
	20	40 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for December.....			33. 33		
		Expense for December.....					7. 50
		41 Robert W. McBride: Salary for December.....			100. 00		
		Expense for December.....					34. 93
		42 Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for December.....			125. 00		
1918							
Jan. 2	43	State Life Insurance Co., rent for January.....					30. 00
	16	44 Central Union Telephone Co., service, January, February, and March.....					13. 85
	12	45 Town Printing Co., 6,000 letterheads.....					110. 90
	30	46 Orlando A. Somers, traveling.....		\$300. 00			



*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Sup-plies.	Travel-ing.	Sala-ries.	South-ern me-morial fund.	Ex-pense.
1918.							
Jan. 30	47	Robert W. McBride: Salary for January .....			\$100. 00		
		Expense for January .....					\$24. 95
	48	Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for January .....			125. 00		
	49	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for January .....			33. 33		
		Expense for January .....					6. 20
Feb. 5	50	Town Printing Co., 3,000 leaves of absence .....	\$18. 00				
	51	State Life Insurance Co., rent for February .....					30. 00
	16	52 Robert W. McBride, trip to Washington, Philadel- phia, and New York .....		\$115. 50			
		53 Samuel M. Hench, trip to Washington, committee on legislation .....		70. 62			
	18	54 C. D. R. Stowits, trip to New York, Feb. 11-13 .....		36. 25			
	19	55 Washington Gardner, trip to Washington, committee on legislation .....		77. 68			
	25	56 Harrington & Folger, stickers for rules and regulations .....					15. 78
	28	57 Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for February .....			125. 00		
		58 Robert W. McBride: Salary for February .....			100. 00		
		Expense for February .....					20. 10
	59	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for February .....			33. 33		
		Expense for February .....					4. 25
Mar. 4	60	J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, December, Jan- uary, and February .....			75. 00		
		Expense, December, January, and Febru- ary .....					21. 18
	61	Western Union Telegraph Co., February account .....					14. 78
	62	State Life Insurance Co., rent for March .....					35. 00
	21	63 H. H. Bengough, editing, etc., Fifty-first National Encampment Journal .....					220. 04
	26	64 Katharine R. A. Flood, sal- ary for March .....			125. 00		
	30	65 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for March .....			33. 34		
		Expense for March .....					5. 50
	66	Robert W. McBride: Salary for March .....			100. 00		
		Expense for March .....					23. 71
	67	Orlando A. Somers, travel- ing .....		300. 00			

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Traveling.	Salaries.	South- ern me- morial fund.	Ex- pense.
1918.							
Mar. 30	68	State Life Insurance Co., rent for April.....					\$25. 00
Apr. 4	69	Western Union Telegraph Co., March account.....					18. 90
	8	70 Central Union Telegraph Co., service, April, May, and June.....					15. 10
		71 Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, rank straps, etc.....	\$304. 79				
		72 Harrington & Folger, 9,700 general orders, etc.....					105. 17
	11	73 William B. Burford, office supplies.....					15. 80
		74 H. B. Jeffries, department commander, Florida.....				\$80. 00	
		75 O. J. Kyler, department commander, Arkansas.....				125. 00	
		76 Rev. Isaac W. Higgs, de- partment commander, Ala- bama.....				50. 00	
		77 E. T. Gipson, department commander, Louisiana and Mississippi.....				200. 00	
		78 W. P. Randall, department commander, Georgia and South Carolina.....				300. 00	
		79 O. C. Kinley, department commander, Tennessee.....				200. 00	
		80 Charles H. Haber, depart- ment commander, Vir- ginia and North Carolina..				600. 00	
		81 M. B. Young, department commander, Texas.....				50. 00	
	30	82 Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for April.....			\$125. 00		
		83 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for April.....			33. 33		7. 20
		Expense for April.....					
	30	84 Robert W. McBride: Salary for April.....			100. 00		22. 29
		Expense for April.....					
		85 State Life Insurance Co., rent for May.....					30. 00
May 21	85½	Alta I. Littell, stenographic services for April.....					65. 00
		86 Jos. K. Davison's Sons, buttons and war tax.....	103. 00				
		87 Robert W. McBride, trip to Portland and return to arrange for national en- campment.....		\$221. 34			
		88 C. D. R. Stowits, trip to Portland and return to arrange for national en- campment.....		252. 32			

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Traveling.	Salaries.	South- ern me- morial fund.	Ex- pense.
1918.							
May	21	89 Geo. H. Carter, clerk Govern- ment Printing Office, pa- per and binding 1,200 cop- ies 1917 G. A. R. Journal.....					\$233. 12
	29	90 Katharine R. A. Flood, Salary for May.....			\$125. 00		
		91 Robert W. McBride: Salary for May.....			100. 00		
		Expense for May.....					20. 46
		Extra stenographic serv- ice.....					45. 00
		92 C. D. R. Stowits, salary for May.....			33. 33		
	31	93 Robert W. McBride, ex- penses, Indianapolis to Chicago and return, con- ference with chairman of transcontinental passen- ger association.....		\$19. 75			
		94 Orlando A. Somers, travel- ing expenses.....		200. 00			
June	3	95 J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, March, April, and May.....			75. 00		
		Expense, March, April, and May.....					14. 10
	8	96 State Life Insurance Co., rent for June.....					30. 00
		97 Western Union Telegraph Co., account for May.....					23. 24
		98 Washington Gardner, ex- pense for two trips to Washington, account pen- sion legislation.....		134. 45			
	24	99 Robert W. McBride: Salary for June.....			100. 00		
		Expense for June.....					33. 60
		Traveling expenses to Illinois encampment at Peoria and to Ohio encampment at Ham- ilton.....		22. 84			
		100 Katharine R. A. Flood, salary for June.....			125. 00		
	29	101 C. D. R. Stowits: Salary for June.....			33. 33		
		Expense for June.....					12. 50
July	1	102 State Life Insurance Co., rent for July.....					30. 00
	8	103 Western Union Telegraph Co., June account.....					6. 94
		104 Receivers Central Union Telephone Co.: Service, July to Octo- ber.....					13. 50
		Toll service to Kokomo, May and June.....					. 80

*Disbursements for the term ending Aug. 1, 1918, by Cola D. Stowits, quartermaster general—Continued.*

Date of payment.	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose.	Supplies.	Traveling.	Salaries.	Southern memorial fund.	Expense.
1918.							
July 16	105	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges and flag ribbon...	\$311.70				
	106	Harrington & Folger, 9,700 general orders, each, Nos. 5 and 6.....					\$102.24
Aug. 1	107	Robert W. McBride: Salary, balance of term..... Expense, balance of term.....			\$200.00		42.70
	108	Katharine R. A. Flood, salary, balance of term.....			250.00		
	109	J. Henry Holcomb: Salary, balance of term..... Expense, balance of term.....			75.00		8.25
	110	C. D. R. Stowits: Salary, balance of term..... Expense, balance of term.....			66.68		20.00
	111	Alfred B. Beers, appropriation for Patterson testimonial.....					500.00
	112	State Life Insurance Co., rent for August.....					30.00
	113	Orlando A. Somers, traveling expenses.....		\$250.00			
		Total.....	1,289.21	2,200.75	3,400.00	1,605.00	3,019.37

*Supplies purchased by C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, during the term ending Aug. 1, 1918.*

From whom purchased.	Leaves of absence.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Strap ribbon pieces.	Cost.
W. H. Horstman Co.....					60	\$226.72
Jos. K. Davison's Sons.....				2,000		100.00
Do.....		500		2,000		228.00
Town Printing Co.....	3,000					18.00
Jos. K. Davison's Sons.....		500	840			304.79
Do.....				2,000		103.00
Do.....		1,000			3	311.70
Do.....				2,000		140.00
Total.....	3,000	2,000	840	8,000	63	1,432.21

[By C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general.]

	Rules and regulations.	Rituals, sets.	Officers' cards.	Service books.	Odes.	Applications.	Leaves of absence.	Transfers.	Discharges.	Post charters.	Descriptive books.	Badges.	Rank straps.	Buttons.	Strap ribbons, pieces.	Electrotypes.	Blue books.	Cost.
On hand Aug. 10, 1917.....	2,585	198	2,544	2,020	650	7,373	265	2,581	15	212	16	477	1,377	715	12	28	250	\$1,225.00
Purchased, as per abstract.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	840	8,000	63	.....	.....	1,432.21
Total to be accounted for....	2,585	198	2,544	2,020	650	7,373	3,265	2,581	15	212	16	2,477	2,217	8,715	75	28	250	2,657.21
Issued.....	215	114	307	372	200	2,225	1,295	1,009	15	6	9	1,557	1,050	6,933	18	28	24	1,656.96
On hand Aug. 1, 1918.....	2,370	84	2,237	1,648	450	5,148	1,970	1,572	.....	206	7	920	1,167	1,782	57	.....	226	1,450.00

*Statement of total number of posts, membership, and financial condition of the departments of the Grand Army of the Republic, Jan. 1, 1918.*

[Compiled by Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, G. A. R.]

Departments.	Total posts.	Members.	Value of real estate.	Cash, post and relief.	Furnishings, etc.	Total value of property.
Alabama.....	3	60	\$260. 00	\$163. 99	\$152. 00	\$575. 99
Arizona.....	5	75	.....	260. 96	.....	260. 96
Arkansas.....	7	163	.....	206. 58	170. 00	376. 58
California and Nevada.....	95	5, 050	12, 396. 00	30, 351. 80	6, 343. 00	49, 089. 80
Colorado and Wyoming.....	50	1, 484	9, 985. 51	5, 174. 14	2, 998. 75	18, 158. 40
Connecticut.....	59	1, 816	61, 187. 43	51, 243. 63	18, 939. 85	131, 370. 91
Delaware.....	16	284	.....	1, 530. 58	1, 918. 00	3, 448. 58
Florida.....	20	663	4, 040. 00	498. 72	423. 00	4, 961. 72
Georgia and South Carolina.....	7	119	550. 00	73. 89	90. 00	713. 89
Idaho.....	18	370	9, 779. 71	1, 019. 11	625. 00	11, 423. 82
Illinois.....	393	9, 376	51, 078. 00	42, 558. 42	21, 394. 83	115, 031. 25
Indiana.....	249	7, 250	6, 615. 87	61, 015. 23	15, 359. 57	82, 990. 67
Iowa.....	288	6, 513	28, 656. 00	29, 685. 35	2, 140. 00	60, 481. 35
Kansas.....	257	6, 084	17, 462. 80	7, 999. 16	14, 870. 05	40, 332. 01
Kentucky.....	50	620	.....	1, 500. 00	.....	1, 500. 00
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	22	276	101. 00	796. 85	304. 50	1, 202. 35
Maine.....	119	2, 243	52, 890. 50	21, 107. 44	17, 449. 69	91, 447. 63
Maryland.....	49	993	7, 000. 00	11, 800. 20	4, 076. 00	22, 876. 20
Massachusetts.....	200	7, 483	150,000.00	157, 829. 83	4, 000. 00	311, 829. 83
Michigan.....	240	5, 553	25, 933. 57	10, 433. 08	21, 077. 59	57, 444. 24
Minnesota.....	134	2, 423	8, 734. 60	8, 475. 24	7, 355. 00	24, 564. 84
Missouri.....	147	3, 183	6, 205. 00	27, 405. 19	20, 788. 92	54, 399. 11
Montana.....	14	276	1, 212. 50	1, 317. 88	2, 742. 82	5, 273. 20
Nebraska.....	171	2, 651	21, 980. 75	19, 347. 21	8, 218. 40	49, 546. 36
New Hampshire.....	68	1, 227	31, 687. 58	20, 751. 17	16, 405. 38	68, 844. 13
New Jersey.....	94	2, 310	50, 050. 00	46, 349. 55	17, 845. 00	114, 244. 55
New Mexico.....	8	95	.....	255. 80	.....	255. 80
New York.....	501	12, 416	27, 337. 91	117, 762. 11	82, 134. 19	227, 234. 21
North Dakota.....	22	196	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	478	12, 456	35, 961. 00	46, 770. 44	29, 175. 11	111, 906. 55
Oklahoma.....	55	1, 054	4, 480. 35	1, 352. 38	1, 322. 39	7, 155. 12
Oregon.....	62	1, 721	3, 273. 00	9, 002. 64	1, 969. 40	14, 245. 04
Pennsylvania.....	471	12, 670	300,000.00	25, 700. 00	15, 000. 00	340, 700. 00
Potomac.....	12	963	5, 000. 00	8, 852. 63	1, 775. 21	15, 627. 84
Rhode Island.....	21	796	.....	14, 196. 59	9, 344. 82	23, 541. 41
South Dakota.....	55	708	.....	496. 22	200. 00	696. 22
Tennessee.....	18	552	.....	215. 90	484. 10	700. 00
Texas.....	11	283	1, 200. 00	747. 56	310. 70	2, 258. 26
Utah.....	5	212	700. 00	281. 78	150. 00	1, 131. 78
Vermont.....	85	1, 405	2, 555. 30	11, 796. 96	8, 165. 60	22, 517. 86
Virginia and North Carolina.....	25	303	125. 00	50. 44	70. 00	245. 44
Washington and Alaska.....	65	2, 215	41, 588. 88	1, 684. 55	3, 798. 39	47, 071. 82
West Virginia.....	29	738	100. 00	1, 149. 18	527. 00	1, 776. 18
Wisconsin.....	165	3, 588	19, 586. 46	12, 046. 54	17, 437. 39	49, 070. 39
Total.....	4, 863	120, 916	999,714.72	811, 256. 92	377, 550. 65	2,188,522.29







J. HENRY HOLCOMB,  
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian,

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 15, 1918.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

COMRADE: I have the honor to make this, the twenty-third consecutive annual report of the work of my office, for the year ending as above.

The records, supplies, blanks, etc., were removed to a building generously loaned to the Department of Pennsylvania by the city of Philadelphia, at No. 1523 Arch Street, until the rooms in Independence Hall can be restored; but owing to the war, the work of restoration will not be finished until after the close of the war; so that, in view of the above uncertainty, and also the fact that my health has suffered a slight impairment during the past year, I take the liberty of offering the following suggestions in regard to the records now in my possession, viz:

First. That the incoming administration be directed by the Fifty-second National Encampment to communicate with the authorities of the Congressional Library at Washington relative to securing space for the records of the Grand Army of the Republic in a department by themselves.

Second. That in the event of securing suitable space, the custodian of records be authorized to deliver to the Congressional Library all records in his possession.

I feel that the time has come when this collection of 23 years' labor should have a permanent home, where it can be properly taken care of, and be accessible for reference, free from danger of fire or other accident.

I have received and filed all journals and other documents sent to me during the past year, and, as in former years, purchased and sent out under the direction of the quartermaster general all the supplies needed by the various departments (a schedule of which appears in the report of the quartermaster general), and have sent out free blanks as follows:

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster).....	14,724
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general in detail).....	75
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated).....	104
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general, consolidated).....	103
Form E-2 (report of department inspector, consolidated).....	16
Form H (report of post inspector).....	1,940
Form I (requisition for supplies).....	260
Report of post chaplain.....	51
Report of department chaplain.....	3,937
Report of patriotic instructor (post).....	56
Report of patriotic instructor (department).....	3,887

I acknowledge with pleasure the kind and courteous treatment accorded to me by national headquarters and by all others with whom I have had business relations in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. HENRY HOLCOMB,  
*Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.*

## REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

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FARGO, N. DAK., *July 15, 1918.*

HON. ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the honor of submitting the following report as judge advocate general to Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Only two matters have been submitted to me by the commander in chief during my term of office. Those were questions from Kansas, the facts of which are fully stated in the opinions hereinafter set forth.

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The first case is an appeal of Comrade L. D. Dobbs from a sentence of post court-martial of Pearsoll Post, No. 500, Department of Kansas.

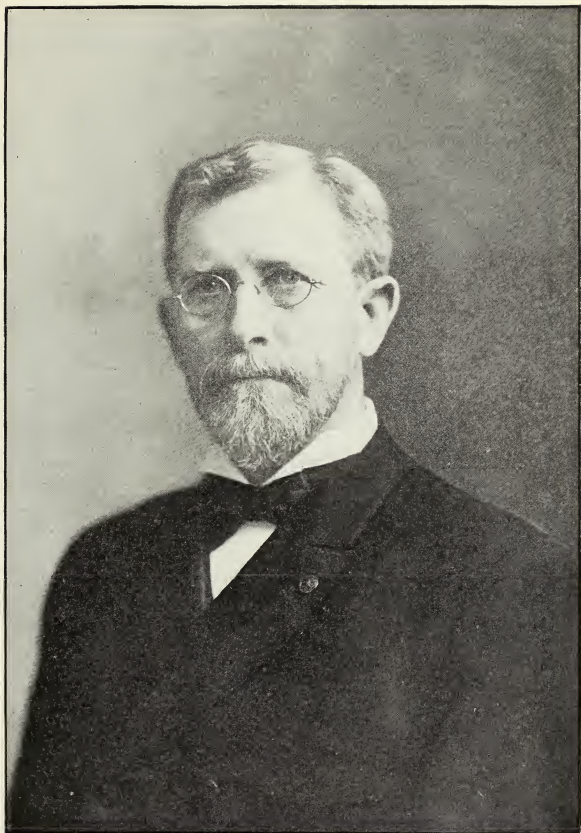
#### OPINION NO. 1.

The irregularities in the proceedings in this case are such as, in my judgment, make a reversal of the judgment and sentence of the post court-martial necessary.

It appears from the records that Comrade Dobbs, the accused, took an appeal to the commander in chief from a sentence of a post court-martial in substantially the same matter in 1915, and that Commander in Chief Monfort, on the opinion of Judge Advocate General Ketcham, remanded the case to said Pearsoll Post, with instructions to set aside the judgment and sentence, and after giving due notice to the accused afford him an opportunity to be heard and for further proceedings in accordance with said opinion.

The force and effect of this order of Commander in Chief Monfort was to give the accused a rehearing, or a new trial. That is what the setting aside the judgment and sentence of the former trial clearly indicates. It was not merely a reopening of the case for the introduction of rebuttal testimony, as the post court seems to have inferred. It was to have been a trial *de novo*. That is what the order implies.

At page 22 of the record is given a statement of the reorganization of the court and its proceedings in the so-called trial of the accused, in which it is stated that the "Court was declared open to hear rebuttal evidence or plea of the defendant Dobbs." In the further course of the proceedings at the same page it is stated: "The president (of the court) presented, read, and explained the evidence of record, also the proceedings, findings, and sentence of the court at the original trial. They were listened to, examined, and discussed by



SMITH STIMMEL,  
Judge Advocate General.





the new members of the board, as well as by the full board, and decided as follows:"

Here follow the findings of guilty and sentence of dishonorable discharge, etc.

These, to my mind, are fatal errors in this case. The court had the undoubted right, under court-martial rules, to try the accused in his absence, if he failed to appear after being duly notified, and as far as the notice is concerned, I am inclined to the opinion that the accused had due notice. But his nonappearance did not excuse the court from proceeding regularly with the trial. At that trial the witnesses should have been called to testify and a new record made. This was not done. It certainly was not the province of the president of the board to read and explain to the court the evidence of the former trial; it was his function to preside and see that the proceedings were conducted in a regular and legal manner.

Commander Pierce, of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., submits the following questions to the commander in chief:

First. "Dobbs having elected to appeal from the sentence of the post court-martial to the department commander, and having on December 6, 1917, taken the opinion and judgment of that officer sitting as an appellate tribunal, may he hereafter appeal from the opinion and judgment of that officer to the commander in chief?"

Yes. The code of procedure for the Government of court-martial makes provision for such appeal. Section 7, page 121, Blue Book of 1912.

Second. "Having received notice that the department commander had in the month of September, 1916, reviewed and confirmed the sentence of the post court-martial, and he, Dobbs, also, at some time prior to May 18, 1917, having perfected an appeal to the department commander, may he, Dobbs, now on December 12, 1917, at least seven months after receiving notice of the department commander's confirmation of the sentence of the post court-martial, take an appeal to the commander in chief from either the judgment and sentence of the post court-martial or the decision and opinion of December 6, 1917, of the department commander who sat as an appellate tribunal, under the privilege given him, Dobbs, by the last paragraph of section 7, page 121, Blue Book of 1912, his, Dobbs's, right to an appeal to the commander in chief being such and only such as is given by said paragraph?"

In answer to this question we would say that under the last paragraph of section 7, page 121, Blue Book of 1912, a comrade sentenced to dishonorable discharge shall have the right to appeal direct from a post court-martial to the commander in chief if he so desires, such sentence being a major penalty, but that right of appeal direct to the commander in chief does not deprive the accused of the privilege of first taking an appeal to the department commander, and having appealed to that tribunal, he may appeal from there to the commander in chief. Having done that, this appeal is regularly before the commander in chief, and should be sustained.

What I would recommend in the further disposition of this case is a more serious problem.

The charges against the comrade are of an aggravated character, but the record before us does not disclose any of the evidence in the

case. It does appear, however, that there is a good deal of ill-will between the accused and some of the members at least of his post, possibly not without sufficient cause. The ill-tempered and ill-advised communication addressed to the commander of the post by the accused when notified to appear for trial is reprehensible indeed. That communication was evidently prepared while the accused was in an exasperated state of mind. Why, we can only conjecture. He had made a respectful request to the department commander to be tried by a general court-martial, but it seems he was too late in making his request. This was no doubt a sore disappointment to him, and the thought of going back to be tried again by those who had tried him and condemned him before must have been exasperating to him. This is the way these things appear from this standpoint.

It appears from the record that Comrade Dobbs is old and infirm—we know from the fact that he is a G. A. R. man that he is old—and the record indicates that he is infirm; possibly this infirmity may account for much of his grouchy disposition, and much allowance should be made in these days of advanced years of our comrades for their shortcomings. Perhaps there are very few of us who are just as amiable as we might be.

But I am not considering any of the merits of the case, as I have no evidence before me on which to base an opinion as to that, and can only pass upon matters of procedure. But in view of the ill-feeling that seems to prevail between the accused and certain members of the post, and the proceedings already had before the post in this matter, it is evident that an unbiased court-martial in this case can not be secured from that post.

Therefore, I would recommend that the findings and sentence against Comrade Dobbs be set aside, and the case be remanded to the department commander of Kansas, with instructions that if Pearsoll Post can not be induced to drop the matter and dismiss the action, that Comrade Dobbs be given a trial by general court martial, and that the court be made up of comrades who took no part in either of the former proceedings.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The second case involves the status of Patrick H. Coney, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### OPINION NO. 2.

The record shows, as stated in the opinion of Thomas Dever, judge advocate of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, attached to and made a part of the record in the case, that Comrade Coney was twice court-martialed while a member of Post No. 71, Department of Kansas. In the first case, tried July 6, 1886, he was found guilty and the sentence was suspension from the order and privileges thereof until December 1 of the same year. In the second case, tried February 23, 1887, he was found guilty and the sentence was dishonorable discharge from the order. In 1892 the department encampment at Atchison, Kans., adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Comrade P. H. Coney be, and hereby is, restored to membership in Post No. 71, of Topeka, Kans. (Page 8 of the record.)

That on the 22d day of May, 1897, at a regular meeting of said Post No. 71, a motion was made by the commander of said post, addressing the senior vice commander, that P. H. Coney, who had been dishonorably discharged from said post, be reinstated, and given a transfer card. Motion carried. (Page 8 of the record.)

That Coney was given a transfer card, which he placed in Lincoln Post No. 1. (Page 16 of the record.)

It is now contended by the prosecution in this case that Comrade Coney never made application for reinstatement, as required by the rules of the order in such matters, and that therefore he is not legally a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that Lincoln Post, No. 1, with which he is now enrolled, should be ordered to drop his name from the rolls of said post, and if said Lincoln Post refuses to strike his name from the roll, the department commander should proceed against said post and declare its charter revoked. (Page 11 of the record.)

According to the record in this case, the past record of Comrade Coney is a very unenviable one, and the proceedings in regard to his reinstatement somewhat irregular. But I hold that the principle governing the statute of limitations applies here. A person may acquire title to real estate by 20 years of continuous uninterrupted possession thereof. The public may acquire the right of way for a public highway through a person's land by continuous and uninterrupted use thereof for 20 years. And so it seems to me there should be a reasonable limit to the time when rights in the Grand Army acquired through some irregularity could be called in question.

If it had been shown that Comrade Coney had been reinstated, or had become a member of the Grand Army through fraud or deceit, which had not been discovered until now, the case would be different, but it is evident that the members of Post No. 71 knew all these conditions and transactions at the time of their occurrence 20 years ago, and no reason is assigned for the unreasonable delay in taking action thereon.

Exhibit B is referred to, being pages 114 to 120 of the Journal of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, held at Ottawa, May 11 and 12, 1909, which is a part of a circular gotten out against Coney when he was aspiring to be a candidate for the office of commander in chief, G. A. R. But this circular was sent out originally as a confidential communication, and does not alter the case as to lapse of time. The closing sentence of that circular reads as follows:

Comrades, this circular is for your information only, and its contents should not be made public.

The case of Samuel Grimshaw, page 10 of the record, is referred to by the prosecution as a case in point supporting their contention, but I think they are in error as to that. In that case Grimshaw had been tried by court-martial by Post No. 144, found guilty, and dishonorably discharged, and without any pretense to reinstatement in Post 144, Grimshaw applied for admission to Onaga Post, No. 39, and was admitted.

In the Coney case the department encampment took action, restoring him to membership in Post No. 71; the post reinstated him to membership, and gave him a card, which he presented to Lincoln Post, No. 1, and was admitted.

The reinstatement of Coney was not according to the rules relating to such matters, but he was readmitted to all the rights and privileges of the order without question for a long term of years, in the presence of those who knew all the facts and circumstances of the case, and, as before stated, I think the statute of limitations should apply.

The affidavit of Comrade Van Smith, adjutant of said Post No. 71, page 9 of the record, says the words "Past post commander" were not written on the card issued to Coney from Post 71, but I do not think that is material.

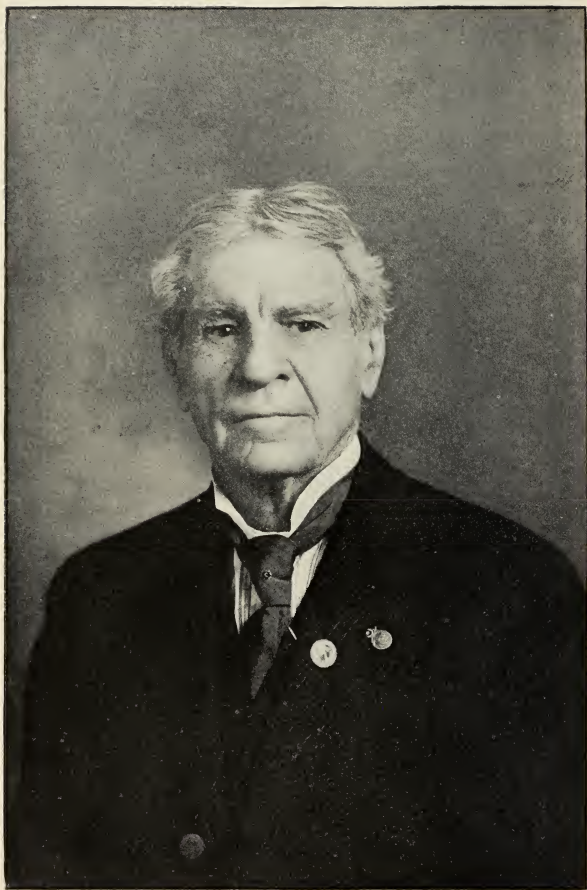
Therefore I would recommend that the decision of the commander of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., in the case of Patrick H. Coney be affirmed, and the complaint dismissed.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks for the generous and uniform courtesy I have enjoyed at your hands and from our beloved commander in chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

SMITH STIMMEL,  
*Judge Advocate General.*





THOMAS H. BROWN,  
Inspector General.



## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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SIoux FALLS, S. DAK., *July 22, 1918.*

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: Through you I desire to thank the commander in chief for my appointment as inspector general. In looking over the reports of my predecessors I find that each succeeding year the report becomes smaller and less formal.

I have had the honor and pleasure of nominating 30 assistant inspectors general. The appointees express their appreciation for the honor conferred. Reports from several departments give evidence that the Grand Army of the Republic is a very active factor in this war.

The Department of Nebraska and its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, have purchased and sent to the Red Cross in France two ambulances, costing over \$4,000.

The Department of Wisconsin, Comrade George O. Pietzsch, assistant inspector general, sends a very full report—3,588 members in good standing; cash and property aggregating \$39,310; a fine soldiers' home with 3,610 inmates, men and women, the men averaging 76 and the women 70 years of age. Doing their "bit" in the present war precludes proper attention to G. A. R. ceremonies.

The Department of Alabama is very grateful to the national officers of the G. A. R., Senator Smoot, and Comrade McElroy for their efforts in securing the much-needed and liberal increase in pensions.

The Department of the Potomac is in a flourishing condition; does much in relief work; 990 members; property and cash aggregating \$13,598.

The Department of Oklahoma, with a membership of 1,054, has cash and property aggregating \$5,832.

The Department of Texas has 283 members; cash and property aggregating \$1,454.

The Department of North Dakota has only 196 members.

The Department of Florida has 663 members; cash and property, \$4,363.

The Department of Maryland has 912 members; cash and property, \$10,418.

The Department of Illinois has 9,376 members; cash and property, \$115,031.25.

The Department of Colorado has 1,526 members; cash and property, \$647.31.

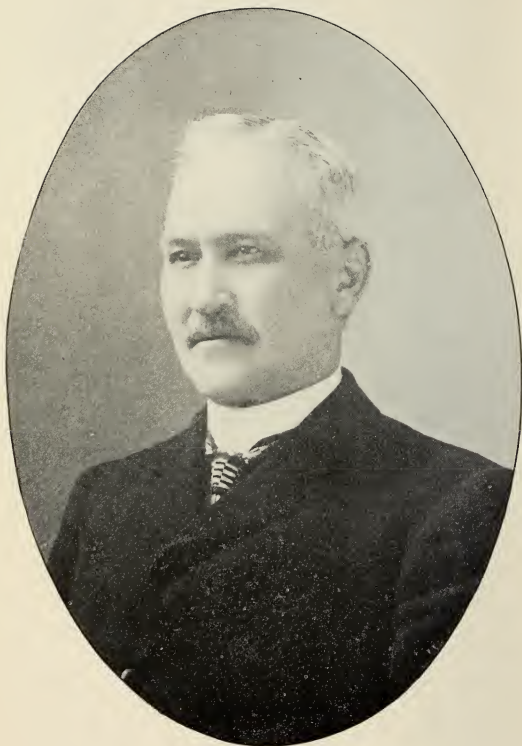
The Department of South Dakota has 701 members in good standing. There is an elegant soldiers' home and Government sanitarium at Hot Springs. The legislature has just appropriated \$15,000 to aid dependent soldiers and their families to remain "in their homes." It is proving a great economy to the State.

Many of the reports are quite meager, especially from those States which were admitted to the Union long after the Civil War. Those States have no State colors or blood-stained battle flags to inspire patriotic appreciation of those in their midst who offered their full measure of devotion in order that this Nation might live; nevertheless, they all breathe that deep spirit of patriotism born of those who have "paid the price and know the worth," and now that patriotism is being glorified by their sons and grandsons. Over 75 per cent of American manhood now defending Old Glory in France are direct descendants of Civil War veterans. Truly "we live again in our children."

Fraternally yours,

THOS. H. BROWN,  
*Inspector General.*





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WILLIAM C. CALLAND,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo., *July 20, 1918.*

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I herewith submit my annual report as national patriotic instructor. Allow me first to thank the national department for my appointment to this very important office, without my knowledge and solicitation. At first I hesitated to accept the appointment, since I had served the Department of Missouri for the past eight years as department patriotic instructor and knew well the requirements of the office.

My work has received so much encouragement from various quarters, and the courtesies of the department have been so generously given, that I have been led to believe my work has not been wholly in vain. It required much time and considerable correspondence to find out the names and addresses of the department instructors and bring ourselves in close touch with each other and the work.

No financial aid has been received from the national department, and had I been more dependent than I am my work would have been considerably hampered. Headquarters furnished me letterheads, but otherwise I have been self-supporting. I have paid out \$9 in postage, \$4 for stationery, \$25 for flags, and \$100 in traveling expenses, a total of \$138. This sum I have donated to the good of the cause. Fourteen departments have reported an outlay of \$450.

Not having been informed as to methods of work of my predecessors, I have adopted my own lines of work. I have sought to come in close contact with all the associated organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic—the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, and Daughters of Veterans. These organizations have welcomed my suggestions, and I have helped them solve some of their problems.

To make patriotic work most effective, the local posts, the State and national departments must work along the same lines. As our commander in chief is supposed to direct all subordinate departments, so his cabinet or lieutenants are expected to aid along the same lines.

I have received copies of all orders issued by the allied organizations and am thus kept in close touch with all patriotic work. Through these general orders and reports I am informed of new and additional features of patriotic work, such as the adornment of post quarters with flags and paintings, together with organization of Red Cross work and the adoption of French orphans; especially the decoration of many churches with Old Glory and beautiful service flags. The singing of patriotic songs has become much more prominent and enthusiastic.

I have received reports from 30 departments, some of which have been exceedingly interesting and show efficient work. I regret that I shall not be able in this report to make full acknowledgment of all these reports, but will content myself with excerpts from the best. The reports indicate that the work in the schools has greatly exceeded all other years. Colleges and private schools have kept pace with other educational institutions. Lectures and addresses have been more numerous and patriotic, meetings much more frequent because of war conditions. A new and most promising feature of patriotic work has been along church lines. Departments report the placing in 300 churches of beautiful flags and ornate service flags. In thousands of churches the first stanza of our national hymn has been introduced into the regular morning service. Think of the whole church singing with full and patriotic hearts:

"My Country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring."

As they sing their eyes are brightened and their hearts are warmed by the sight of Old Glory and the tender service flags that bring to mind the sons of the church "over there."

Without doubt this is the red-letter year in the line of patriotic instruction. The Grand Army is by no means entitled to all the credit for this rapid advance—in fact, comparatively little.

The occasion, the war, the mighty appeals to the country through the Red Cross movement, the Y. M. C. A. hut canvass, the hospital and nurse appeals, coupled with the sale of Liberty bonds that have been brought to the individual homes of the people, pleading that they would lend their savings to wage the battle for democracy. The canvass has been taken into every community and school district. America has never been so fully aroused as at the present time. In the patriotic appeals for the conservation of foods for our armies and those of the allies, each child is shown that he may contribute his bit. Fathers and mothers have been led to see that the Flag represents our Government and it is thus fixed in the mind of every school boy and girl that Old Glory is *my* flag. Coupled with these fervent appeals in the public halls, the churches, the schools and the theaters, the monster processions with their multitude of flags, the marching of enlisted men in each community, have given vocal expression to patriotic zeal and love for our country. Service flags in almost every home, in the schools, in the churches, in the business houses and public meeting places, all these vocal and silent appeals have emphasized patriotism to a degree never before reached.

I need not tell how this advance has gladdened the hearts of the soldiers of '61 to '65. From the various department reports I find that the veterans of the Civil War and their wives have bought nearly \$1,000,000 Liberty bonds. Under this spell of patriotic fervor the Nation has given up her sons freely to fight the battle of peace and democracy. The public press has given adequate expression to this volume of influence, while the untold number of addresses and appeals have electrified our country from one end to the other.



A few excerpts from the reports from different departments:

Comrade Levi Longfellow, of Minnesota, is a live wire in patriotic work. His splendid report is full of interest. He says:

Never before in the history of our country has there been a year so full of patriotic activities, a more generous outpouring of the Nation's wealth, or a more patriotic response for men to follow the flag. One hundred million of our people are vying with each other in self-sacrificing efforts to prosecute the war. Surely God is directing this mighty movement. Disloyal slackers are not allowed to hold meetings in Minnesota. Never have the soldiers' graves been more reverently decorated than this present year. On Flag Day 30,000 children marched in a monster parade headed by 200 old veterans. It has been a red-letter year for Minnesota.

Instructor Silas Adams, of Maine, says:

Never before has there been such an outpouring of children on Memorial Day. Teachers no longer look upon patriotic instruction as an outside matter and now perform their duties with fidelity.

Isaac B. Self, of the Oregon Department, furnishes a breezy report:

Have visited a number of posts and find them alive with patriotic ardor. Have made many public addresses at school gatherings and Red Cross meetings; have given 200 flags to school children; have seen many service flags dedicated in schools and churches.

H. W. Charter, of Utah, reports:

The days known as patriotic days have never been observed with such fervor. Flag Day surpassed all previous years. Flags were worn on lapels of coats and people vied with each other in decoration of homes. Churches are adorned with flags and patriotic hymns are frequently sung. God bless our ladies' organizations; they have the spirit of patriotism in their hearts.

The Department of Texas, led by Comrade Brodbent, is near the head of the procession:

A few years ago the United States Flag appeared on public occasions, and many Confederate flags. During the past three years nearly all the Confederate flags have disappeared and Old Glory appears everywhere. The State legislature has enacted laws compelling and requiring the flag to be introduced in all schools, public and private. A few years ago a large cosmopolitan church refused to allow a funeral cortege to enter because the United States flag covered the casket; a few days ago the same church dedicated three United States flags and a service flag. The South to-day is loyal to the core. The ladies' organizations are working wonders. The war has brought about all these changes. The noble sons of Texas are filling the ranks "over there."

Instructor Holmes, of Maryland, reports a flag on every school-house in the State.

Patriotism appears everywhere in the schools and homes.

Comrade Gerrard, of Washington and Alaska, reports:

All public days, usually observed, have received a new meaning and appreciation. All school buildings and public halls float the United States flag. The coal mines, the mineral fields, and the loftiest peaks in Alaska have made acquaintance with the flag.

The Buckeye State, through her patriotic instructor, Comrade Hunt, says:

Ohio's 460 posts are alive and eager to see the young and rising generations understand their Government and honor the flag. A public-school house without a floating flag is frowned upon, and the teachers have introduced patriotic literature into the curriculum.

The blue grass region of Kentucky is loyal to the core. T. A. Casey is the right man in the right place.

Present conditions have introduced a new era of patriotic zeal in our State. All our citizens are doing their bit to win the war.

Colorado and Wyoming, under the leadership of Asa Curl, is keeping her territory well up in the procession.

Both women and children are alive to the country's call and the "home fires are kept burning." The Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans are assuming the responsibility on Memorial Day. The mothers and daughters are the most patriotic of all.

T. W. Lincoln, of California and Nevada, has done splendid work and his territory is up with the best. He reports the visitation of a number of posts and reports progress. Comrade Lincoln brings an educated mind and a cultivated heart into the work. Such men are needed greatly.

Hosea W. Rood, of Wisconsin department, sends in the most comprehensive and thoughtful report of all. This patriotic instructor is a literary man and he follows patriotic work with method and insight. He defines patriotism as "love of country in action." He ascribes this great wave of patriotism as due to the war for liberty and democracy.

Every community, every school, every church, is alive and inspired by the mighty events transpiring to-day. As I visit the schools I find the boys and girls, under the direction of teachers, bubbling over with patriotic zeal—doing war work—knitting; taking several hours during the week from the curriculum work and assisting in making things needed in trench service. Think of the children organized into Red Cross societies and glad to do their bit! Here is "patriotism in action." During the past two years patriotic enthusiasm has come to our children much more effectively than hitherto. Posts everywhere report increased enthusiasm.

This report ought to be printed by the Wisconsin department and the pamphlet distributed among the citizens.

Instructor A. N. Ballard, of Alabama, reports an unusually successful year in his field.

All notable days were observed with an increased interest. Unusual patriotic demonstrations were occasioned by the departure of the selected men, and they were escorted by the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps. Alabama yields to none in patriotic ardor. Old Glory has quite supplanted the Confederate flag and is adopted into most homes and in all schools and especially the churches. People have come to think that patriotism is closely allied to religion and love of country is an attribute of broad citizenship.

Instructor I. M. Adams, of West Virginia, reports—

The State ablaze with patriotic fervor. I have visited many schools and presented flags to children in the schools and also have given flags to churches. We have bought many bonds and all are trying to do our bit.

Various reports speak of the inspiration and delight which Commander in Chief Somers brought in his visit to their departments. I anticipate a most enthusiastic gathering at the national encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM C. CALLAND,  
*National Patriotic Instructor.*





GEORGE A. HOSLEY,  
Chief of Staff.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

CHESTER, N. H., *July 15, 1918.*

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Complying with the custom honored by my predecessors and gratefully acknowledging the great honor conferred upon me by our commander in chief in appointing me chief of staff, I herewith submit this brief report of my year's service.

Owing to the bulk of the work of the chief of staff coming from now on until after the national encampment, there is but little for me to report. I have strictly obeyed all orders and filled all details as far as possible. It was a source of great pleasure to accompany the commander in chief on his official visits to the department encampments of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

In the performance of my few duties so far, I have received much of real pleasure and benefit to myself and am anticipating much enjoyment of my work at the national encampment at Portland, Oreg.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,  
*Chief of Staff.*

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR AID-DE-CAMP.

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POMONA, CAL., July 8, 1918.

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: Gratefully acknowledging the honor conferred upon me by our beloved commander in chief, Orlando A. Somers, in appointing me his senior aid-de-camp, I assure you that I appreciate the honor most highly.

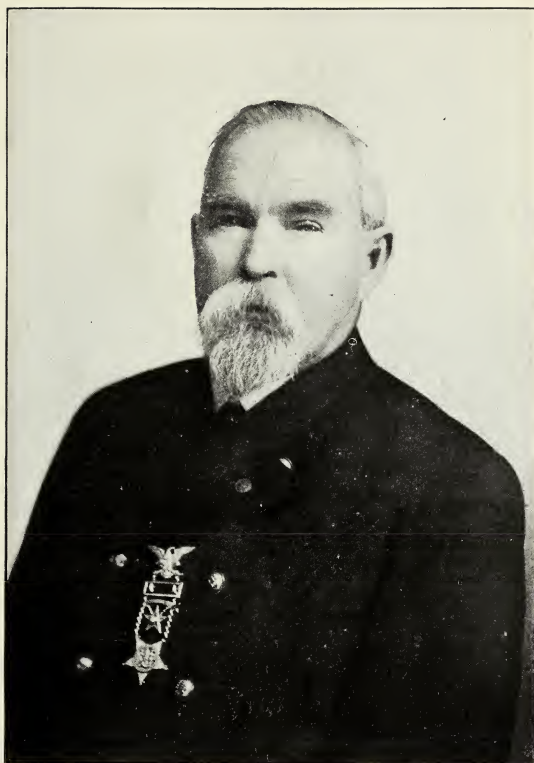
The most pleasing duty of the year to me was to meet the commander in chief on his arrival at Oakland to attend the department encampment of California and Nevada last May. The two days' association with him on that occasion was greatly enjoyed by me and I trust that he found me ready to obey his every order.

And now, my dear adjutant general, I take pleasure in expressing to you my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GAVIN M. STORMONT,  
*Senior Aid-de-Camp.*





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GAVIN M. STORMONT,  
Senior Aide de Camp.



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AUGUST 1, 1918.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: The entire board of trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic holding over from the Fifty-first National Encampment has since been changed. The term of Comrade W. R. Warnock, of Ohio, expired; Comrade Thomas J. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, died in September; and Comrade Michael J. Cummings, of New York, died in December, 1917. The commander in chief appointed Comrades Alfred B. Beers, of Connecticut; William J. Patterson, of Pennsylvania; and James D. Bell, of New York, in the order named, to fill the vacancies.

The board elected Comrade William J. Patterson treasurer, and, with the approval of the commander in chief, changed the depository from the Real Estate Title Insurance and Trust Co. of Philadelphia to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, a corporation of Pennsylvania, having a capital of \$1,500,000 and surplus of \$34,500,000, this company to hold the securities of the permanent fund, collect the interest thereon, and place the same to the credit of the treasurer, charging 5 per cent for such collections. In consideration of this compensation, and in lieu of the usual charges for a surety bond, the Union Trust Co. has bonded the treasurer for the required amount to cover the securities and cash in the permanent fund; the bond for \$36,800 being on file with the commander in chief.

The account of Comrade Thomas J. Stewart, former treasurer, with the Real Estate Title Insurance and Trust Co, rendered February 1, 1918, showed securities to the amount of \$36,800 and cash \$2,383.87, which were received and receipted for by the treasurer and deposited with the Union Trust Co. as set forth in the following statement:

*Account of the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co., of Philadelphia, for Thomas J. Stewart and William J. Patterson, treasurers, Aug. 1, 1917, to Feb. 1, 1918.*

INCOME.		
DEBIT.		
1917.		
Aug.	1. Balance of deposit reported to the Fifty-first National Encampment-----	\$1, 112. 52
Sept.	8. Deposit, donation, Sons of Veterans 'Auxiliary-----	250. 00
Sept.	8. Deposit, donation, Daughters of Veterans-----	250. 00
Aug.	21. Interest on Cleveland 4½'s-----	\$90. 00
Nov.	1. Interest on New York City Loan 4½'s-----	517. 50
1918.		
Jan.	2. Interest on Philadelphia City 4's-----	196. 00
		803. 50
	Less depository's 5 per cent compensation-----	40. 17
		763. 33
Feb.	1. Interest on bank deposits-----	8. 02
Feb.	1. Amount paid to William J. Patterson, treasurer, in settlement of this account-----	2, 383. 87

*Treasurer William J. Patterson's report of receipts, expenditures, and securities of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic, Feb. 1, 1918, to Aug. 1, 1918.*

## INCOME.

1918.

Feb.	1.	Amount received from the Real Estate Title Insurance and Trust Co. and deposited with the Union Trust Co.	\$2,383.87
Feb.	21.	Interest on Cleveland 4½'s	\$90.00
May	6.	Interest on New York City Loan 4½'s	517.50
July	2.	Interest on Philadelphia City 4's	196.00
		Total	803.50
		Less the Union Trust Co.'s compensation	40.17
			763.33
July	12.	Interest on deposits	8.12
			3,155.32

## EXPENDITURES.

Mar.	9.	Check to order of quartermaster general	\$1,900.00
Apr.	3.	Traveling expenses, telegrams, and expressage in transfer of account to new depository	38.87
May	3.	Check in payment of United States liberty loan bond	500.00
July	8.	Check to order of quartermaster general	600.00
			\$3,038.87
Aug.	1.	Balance of cash on deposit with the Union Trust Co. to the credit of William J. Patterson, treasurer	116.45

*The account of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, surety for William J. Patterson, treasurer of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

## PRINCIPAL.

## DEBIT.

1917.

Aug.	1.	Securities on hand as per report to the Fifty-first National Encampment by the Real Estate Title Insurance & Trust Co	\$36,800.00
May	6.	Deposited by William J. Patterson, treasurer, United States liberty loan bond	500.00
			37,300.00

## CREDIT.

1918.

July	10.	Amount of securities on deposit with the Union Trust Co., as per certificate hereto attached	37,300.00
		ALFRED B. BEERS, Department of Connecticut, JAMES D. BELL, Department of New York, WILLIAM J. PATTERSON, Department of Pennsylvania, Trustees, Permanent Fund, National Encampment, G. A. R.	

*Certificate of the Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh.*

It is hereby certified that the following securities are held by the Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, depository for the trustees of the Grand Army of the Republic permanent fund and surety for William J. Patterson, treasurer of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Corporate stock of the City of New York, due May 1, 1957; interest $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable May 1, and Nov. 1-----	\$21,000.00
Corporate stock of the City of New York to provide for the supply of water, due Nov. 1, 1957; interest $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable May 1 and Nov. 1-----	1,000.00
Corporate stock of the City of New York to provide for the supply of water, due May 1, 1957; interest $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable May 1 and Nov. 1-----	1,000.00
Board of education of the city school district of the City of Cleveland building improvement bonds, due Aug. 21, 1931; interest $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable Feb. 21 and Aug. 21-----	4,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent coupon bonds, loan of June 19, 1911, due July 1, 1914; interest at 4 per cent, payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	2,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of July 14, 1910; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of July 1, 1909; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	3,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Feb. 9, 1907; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Apr. 15, 1908; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Oct. 1, 1906; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	300.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent registered loan of Feb. 25, 1913; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	1,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent coupon bonds, loan of Feb. 25, 1913, due Nov. 1, 1944; interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1-----	500.00
Third Liberty Loan of the United States $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent bond; interest payable Mar. and Sept-----	500.00
Total-----	37,300.00

THE UNION TRUST CO., OF PITTSBURGH,  
*Depository and Surety.*

By W. W. GRINSTEAD,  
*Assistant Trust Officer.*

JULY 11, 1918.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

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ALBION, MICH.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: The work of the committee on legislation covering your administrative year began with the preparation and transmission of the following communication:

LAKELAND, FLA., December 12, 1917.

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: You have probably received General Orders No. 2, recently issued, naming you as one of the committee on legislation and setting forth, in part, the work put upon that committee by the national encampment held last August in Boston, Mass.

1. The encampment directed that the committee endeavor to secure legislation authorizing the payment of pensions monthly.

2. Legislation to increase the pensions of blind comrades.

3. That the President be asked to have the War Department rather than the Art Commission supervise the style and character of monuments to be erected in the Arlington National Cemetery.

4. That the Congress be requested to enact a law providing that aliens who serve in any war as members of the United States Army or Navy shall, because of such service, become citizens of the United States.

5. To secure legislation prohibiting unfavorable rate discrimination by railroads where the Grand Army of the Republic is involved.

6. Sundry and various resolutions were referred to the committee asking that legislation be enacted increasing the rate of pensions to maimed and disabled comrades.

7. To increase the rate of pensions to all surviving comrades.

8. To secure a permanent provision for the printing of the journal of the national encampment by the Government without cost to the order.

Will you please state what suggestions you have to offer or advice to give upon each and every one of the above propositions under the heading number, and your judgment as to the best course of procedure by the committee? Do you think it advisable to call a meeting of the full committee in Washington, or a subcommittee, to meet, formulate, and press to a conclusion the various measures to be submitted to the Congress? If you prefer a subcommittee, will you please nominate your choice as to members of the same. It should be borne in mind that the expense involved must not be overlooked.

An early and full answer on each and all of the above points is sincerely desired.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WASHINGTON GARDNER,  
*Chairman Committee on Legislation.*

The above was sent to each and every member of the committee, including the commander in chief and adjutant general, who are members ex officio. All save two favored a meeting of a subcommittee on a date to be determined after consultation.

Accordingly, the following members, viz, Isaac R. Sherwood, Charles C. Royce, John McElroy, Samuel M. Hench, with the chairman, met in Washington, D. C., on the evening of February 5, in the rooms of Comrade Royce, at the Cairo Hotel, he being too ill to meet with the committee elsewhere.



It was expected that Commander in Chief Somers and Adj. Gen. McBride would be at this meeting, but, through some mishap on the railroad, they were delayed in reaching the city till 2 o'clock the next morning.

At this first meeting of the committee every point of instruction given by the national encampment was taken up and considered. The securing of more liberal pensions was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided then and there to ask for an increase of forty millions of dollars for the Civil War veterans. It was further decided, in so far as the subject of pensions was concerned, to concentrate our efforts to secure the above-named sum, and to ask an increase for the blind, but not to press further legislation on the subject. It was also deemed inadvisable, in view of the large increase to be asked, to make any effort at this time to secure the payment of pensions monthly.

It was also decided to postpone for the time being any effort to secure legislation making aliens serving in the United States Army or Navy and receiving an honorable discharge therefrom citizens of the United States.

In the forenoon of the following day the above-named members of the committee, reinforced by Commander in Chief Somers and Adj. Gen. McBride, met by appointment the Senate Committee on Pensions. Several members of the committee addressed the Senators, pressing upon their attention from different points of view our desire to have a substantial increase, which increase, in the judgment of the committee representing the Grand Army of the Republic, should be \$40,000,000. It further asked that the increase, whatever it might be, should be in the form of an amendment to the law of May 11, 1912, and that the rates, to be most equitable, should be based upon length of service and age.

In the afternoon of this same day the committee, to which was added Senior Vice Commander in Chief John L. Clem, headed by Commander Somers, were received in the Red Room of the White House by President Wilson. At that meeting the committee obeyed the instructions of the national encampment by conveying its wishes to the President regarding standardizing monuments to be placed in the Arlington Cemetery.

The following day the commander in chief, the adjutant general, and the chairman of the committee, by appointment, had an interview with Secretary of the Treasury and Director General of Railroads McAdoo in regard to rates to this encampment. As a result of that interview a rate of 1 cent a mile was granted to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and to duly certified members of affiliated bodies. In view of that decision and the legislation asked for on pensions, it was deemed inadvisable to undertake to secure legislation relative to discrimination in railroad rates to Civil War veterans.

Representatives of the committee waited on the Committee on Printing and on the Public Printer himself, and were assured that everything possible had been and would continue to be done to expedite printing of the Journal of the Boston Encampment. The unusual—indeed, the unprecedented—amount of work in this bureau caused by war conditions had delayed publication, and while the

delay was greatly regretted by all concerned, we believe it was, under the circumstances, justifiable.

During the year the deputy internal revenue collector at Philadelphia ruled that buttons and badges made for and worn by members of the Grand Army of the Republic were classed as "jewelry" and as such must pay a specific tax. The committee on legislation took the matter up with the Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and secured from him a reversal of the decision of his Philadelphia deputy.

#### THE SHERWOOD AND THE SMOOT BILLS.

During the present Congress many pension bills were introduced in both Houses. Early in the spring the House of Representatives, under suspension of the rules, passed what was known as the Sherwood bill. On June 21 the Senate Committee on Pensions met to consider what was designated the Smoot bill. At this meeting Comrade John McElroy and the chairman represented the legislative committee. Past Commander in Chief John R. King and Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, past national senior vice president Woman's Relief Corps, also addressed the committee. The Senators present, by a two-thirds majority, voted to report the bill favorably.

Strong influences were at work, in the Senate and out, to substitute in the Senate the Sherwood for the Smoot bill. The legislative committee felt that the Sherwood bill contained several features which made the measure as a whole much less desirable than the Smoot bill. Among these were: First, that it carried about \$15,000,000 less than the Senate or Smoot bill; second, it provided that no comrade in a soldiers' home, State or National, so long as he remained in such home, should share its provisions; third, it provided that any comrade whose net income, including his pension, was \$1,000 or more a year, should not derive any benefit from the bill. The Smoot bill was not only much more liberal in the gross amount proposed, but contained neither of the objectionable exemption features mentioned.

Chiefly for these reasons the legislative committee determined to put forth every honorable effort to secure the passage of the Smoot bill. For days the issue hung in the balance, but when the vote was finally taken the Smoot bill had a clear majority of the Senators present and voting.

When the Senate action went to the House, Comrade Sherwood, chairman of the Invalid Pension Committee in that body, instead of asking for a committee of conference, as was his right, moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments, which in effect was to substitute the Smoot bill for his own. The House by a large majority voted for the Senate substitute. President Wilson promptly signed the measure, and the Smoot bill, for which the legislative committee had worked long and hard, became a law.

Too much credit, however, should not be given the committee on legislation. Much is due individual comrades, including the commander in chief, who, wherever his official duties called him, made his weighty influence felt for the Smoot bill. Past commanders in chief, past and present department commanders, past and present post commanders, post organizations, and departments, wherever in

session, by telegraph or letters or forwarding resolutions aided the committee. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic exercised their influence effectively. The committee feels that it is but right and proper to say that the National Tribune was at all times the earnest, active, and influential advocate of the Smoot bill. Senior Vice Commander in Chief Clem gave days of hard work where his favorable personal acquaintance and influence counted for much. Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary to the commander-in chief, remained at national headquarters while Commander Somers and Adjutant General McBride were attending to their official duties in the far West, and was constantly on the alert and rendered valuable assistance in bringing important influence to bear in favor of the desired legislation.

It is but proper to say, further, that the legislative committee, as representing the Grand Army of the Republic, were at all times, whether in private or when referred to on the floor of the Senate, treated with the greatest courtesy and respect, regardless of party alliances or whether for or against the proposed measure.

When, however, all others have been mentioned and all due credit given, it remains to be said that there is one outstanding figure who deserves and should receive the thanks of every surviving veteran of the Civil War and of the widows of those deceased. For 16 years the Hon. Reed Smoot, a Senator in Congress from the State of Utah, has been a member of the Senate Committee on Pensions, and the records show that for 16 years he has been the unfailing and influential friend of comrades living and of the widows of comrades dead. To him, more than to any other, are they indebted for that material aid which makes the burdens of many easier to bear in the closing days or years of life. All honor to the Hon. Reed Smoot for the wisdom, fidelity, and steadfast devotion which he has manifested toward the men who saved the Republic in war, and who have ever sought to promote its welfare in peace.

WASHINGTON GARDNER, Albion, Mich., *Chairman.*

CHARLES C. ROYCE, Washington, D. C.

LEO RASSIEUR, St. Louis, Mo.

ELI TORRANCE, Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GETTYSBURG PEACE MONUMENT.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., *July 15, 1918.*

Comrade ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
*Adjutant Général, G. A. R.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In behalf of the standing committee on the Gettysburg peace monument I am, for the reasons set forth in the report of the committee to the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, unable to report any progress made.

The war of nations rages with increased intensity and to-day more than a million of America's noblest and bravest sons are on the battle fields of Europe offering their lives on the altar of freedom and heroically dying in the cause of liberty, justice, and humanity.

The larger part of this army of American patriots is composed of the sons and grandsons of those who wore the Union blue and the Confederate grey.

They stand side by side under the Stars and Stripes vying with each other in devotion to a common and reunited country. It is a glorious spectacle, and as they cement with their life's blood the foundation stones upon which shall be erected a peace memorial to the world, we, their fathers, can with pride and patience await the action that our Government and theirs will surely take to fittingly commemorate the "healing of the Nation's wounds."

With sorrow the death of Maj. John Bigelow is reported. For several years he faithfully served as a member of this committee. As an Artillery officer he won great distinction, and for efficiency had few, if any, superiors.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ELL TORRANCE, *Chairman.*

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# RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING

OF THE

## FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

HELD IN

THE AUDITORIUM, PORTLAND, OREG.,

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 1918.

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF CHARLES G. BURTON, CHAIRMAN.

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The Auditorium was filled long before the hour set for the program to commence, and before the speaking Prof. Frederick W. Goodrich, at the organ, and the Rosarian Band alternated selections and then delighted the audience with combination numbers. It was estimated that 7,000 persons were inside the building.

The CHAIRMAN (8.38). Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and fellow countrymen: This is the semiofficial meeting of the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is held for the specific purpose, and none other, of welcoming us and receiving greetings from our auxiliary and allied societies and responses thereto. The program is necessarily long. Remember that the boys march to-morrow, and in order to endure the fatigue they must have at least their minimum amount of sleep to-night. So we want to get through as soon as possible. Bear in mind that however much you may appreciate the music, either vocal or instrumental, you are not to call for any encores. [Applause.] If you call, they will be ignored. Now, then, we will commence the evening's proceedings by a divine invocation by the chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief CHARLES H. FRADY, of Helena, Mont. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we adore and praise Thy holy name. We thank Thee that Thou art the God of Nations and that from the beginning Thou didst set the metes and bounds of our people. For this we humbly bow before Thy throne as the sovereign ruler over the affairs of men.

We approach Thee at this hour with consecrated hands and gladdened hearts to rear another milestone along the pathway of our earthly pilgrimage, and we praise and reverence Thee for this gracious privilege extended to this large company of comrades and friends who are permitted to gather in this beautiful city of Portland, Oreg., in happy reunion and fellowship of patriotism to par-

ticipate in another national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We thank Thee for all the agencies that have been employed to bring us to this hour and place.

We ask Thy divine blessing upon our worthy commander in chief and his official staff in the performance of the duties imposed on them, respectively. Bless all the deliberations of this encampment from day to day, and may that which shall be done be to Thy honor and glory and to the welfare of our order.

Our heavenly Father, help us to look out beyond our immediate surroundings, and hear our sincere petition, that Thou wilt bless and strengthen our beloved President of the United States in the performance of his duties as the Chief Executive of our people, especially in this dark hour of war; help us to rally to his aid and to uphold his arms. And as Thou wast with the immortal Lincoln, and directed and led him safely through the mighty conflict of his day, of which we were participants, we have confidence in Thee that Thou wilt graciously lead Thy servant, Woodrow Wilson, on to a final victory in this terrible war of nations. And bless our brave sons who have answered the President's call, and who have gone forth across the sea to offer their lives as a sacrifice for humanity. Be Thou a pillar of cloud to them by day and a pillar of fire by night; and out of this mighty conflict may righteousness prevail. Make our Nation a prince of justice to all the world; make the night of war into a day of concord. Keep alive in our hearts patriotism and a true spirit of loyalty and helpfulness to Thee and to our beloved country, and grant that by our Nation and her allies all the peoples of the earth may be blessed.

We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mrs. Fred Olson then sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," receiving a storm of applause.

The CHAIRMAN. The governor of the State of Oregon desired very much to attend this meeting, although an indisposition renders it impossible for him to make a public speech. Still, had it not been for an extraordinary stress of public business, he would have honored us with his presence. However, he has selected as his representative a gentleman known to every comrade of the Grand Army in the State of Oregon, recently upon the supreme bench, a learned jurist, an American citizen in all that the term implies, and, comrades, one who at all times, and at all places, and under all circumstances has been the friend of the Grand Army of the Republic and the champion of that loyalty for which it stands, the Hon. Wallace McCamant, of the city of Portland. [Applause.]

Hon. WALLACE McCAMANT, of Portland. Mr. Chairman, Commander, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Grand Army of the Republic, comrades, Daughters and Sons of Veterans, and fellow citizens, it is my high privilege on behalf of the State of Oregon, and as the spokesman of its chief magistrate, to bid you welcome.

The people of Oregon have been mindful during the decades of the service which you veterans have rendered. So long as the Commonwealth of Oregon shall endure, its geographical names will remind generation after generation of the cause to which you dedicated yourselves and of the great men who led you. Union County is one of our prosperous counties, created in Civil War times, and named to

commemorate the cause for which you fought. Other counties in Oregon are named for Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Crook, and E. D. Baker, our soldier senator slain at Balls Bluff. One of our smaller cities is named for Sheridan, who resided for a time in Yamhill County, Oreg. There are streets in this city named for Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Hooker, Meade, Fremont, Garfield, Farragut, Porter, and Stanton. We have a Davis Street, but it was not named for the President of the Confederacy. [Applause.]

We want to think, comrades, that the spirit which you manifested in the days of your early manhood is the spirit of the people of Oregon. At the inception of the present war, when the compulsory-service law went into effect, Oregon was first in the list of States. She had furnished by volunteer enlistment 92 per cent of her draft quota. Maine stood second with enlistments equivalent to 76 per cent of her quota.

You would be welcome in Oregon at any time, but your coming now is timely and you are doubly welcome. You carry us back to the last testing time when the American people were weighed in the balances and not found wanting. The existence of your organization emphasizes the spiritual values in the life of a nation. The affection in which you are held is a demonstration that the applause of the decades is the portion of those who play the manful part. The lesson is not lost on men of military age. As we read the story of American valor and achievement on the battlefields of France our hearts swell with pride, and we rejoice that the spirit of Gettysburg and Chickamauga survives in the young men of this generation. [Applause.]

But we here at home need the inspiration which comes from the contemplation of the work you have done, the triumphs you have won, and the ideals you have cherished. Twentieth century warfare is a contest not only of arms but of peoples. The men who go to the front are entitled to loyal, efficient, unflinching support from those who remain at home, and victory will be the reward of the side whose faith is most steadfast, whose leadership is most competent, and whose people are most fruitful in the service and sacrifice which these terrible times demand.

The glory of the efficient life is demonstrated and illustrated by the career of your great Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] When he was elected to the presidency he found the people divided in political allegiance, differing in their views of slavery and States rights, enamored with peace at any price. Yet in this people he evoked a faith which remained firm for four dark years, which was proof against repeated disaster, and which bore fruit in billions of treasure and more than two and a half millions of enlistments. He did this in the face of a powerful opposition which maligned his character, aspersed his motives, and thwarted his plans. At the inception of his career the word "abolitionist" was a term of opprobrium, and those who went about preaching the Holy Gospel of the freedom of man lived in terror of their lives. Yet Lincoln so led and molded public opinion that the people sustained his Emancipation Proclamation, and it was given him to destroy the most gigantic evil which ever afflicted the Western World. [Applause.]

In the present war we are pitted against a barbaric foe, in whose eyes a treaty is a scrap of paper. In such a war there can be no peace

without victory. [Applause.] There is only one city in the world suitable for making an enduring peace, and that city is Berlin. [Applause.] A peace made elsewhere, a negotiated peace, will be but a truce, and we owe it to those who are to come after us to destroy those malign forces whose lust after world dominion has brought about this welter of blood, this hurricane of affliction.

The task we have set ourselves is one for men of full stature, and we may take counsel from Grant's message from Spottsylvania, May 11, 1864, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." [Applause.] To every peace offensive of the foe we must reply in the words of Grant at Donelson, "No terms except immediate and unconditional surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works." [Applause.]

Mr. Chairman, there have been two processions held on American soil which I should dearly have loved to see. One of them is the march of the armies of Rochambeau and Washington through Philadelphia, en route to Yorktown. The presentiment had gone out that the campaign about to begin was to end the Revolutionary War, and the whole city turned out to welcome the troops as they passed through. The French Army carried the lilies of France on the last campaign in which that banner was to fly to the breezes. The French uniforms were new and the French accouterments were perfect, and as the French troops passed down those streets which echoed to the peals of old Liberty Bell, ladies showered them with flowers.

And then came the "ragged regimentals" of the Continental Army. Their uniforms would scarce hold together. Their arms lacked uniformity and were the worse for wear. But the glory of Bunker Hill and Saratoga, of Valley Forge, and of Trenton was upon them, and the good people of Philadelphia shed tears of joy as they passed along. Where is the American who would not give a year of his lifetime to have seen that procession? And the second procession to which I allude is the Grand Review in which so many of you marched in May, 1865. The burdens of the Peninsular and Vicksburg campaigns were behind you, as were the sorrows of Bull Run and Chancellorsville and the triumphs of Mission Ridge and Appomattox. That procession was the herald of a better day for the Republic and for mankind. It was eloquent of heroism and self-sacrifice in the past. It told the story of a people whose dross had been consumed and whose gold had been refined in the fire of affliction. It was symbolic of the new birth of freedom which Lincoln predicted at Gettysburg. [Applause.]

But I believe that the future has in store another procession, equally notable and equally worth the while of a free man to see. Its route will be down Unter der Linden in Berlin. [Applause.] Its bands will play the Marseillaise, Rule Britannia, and the Star-Spangled Banner, and the flags in evidence will be the Tri-color, the Union Jack, and Old Glory. And the men who march will be representative of the light of a Christian civilization saved by their valor. [Applause.] That procession will be the harbinger of a new world whose birth pangs are the sufferings of the present age.

Ladies and Gentlemen of these patriotic societies, on behalf of the State of Oregon I bid you welcome. May your stay among us give you pleasure. May God in His mercy prolong the lives of you veterans and your helpmeets, and may the days which await you be



days of pleasantness. May they be enriched by many proofs of the gratitude of the country which you have so valiantly and fruitfully served. And at the last great day, may it be given to each and every one of you to stand by the great White Throne with Washington and Lincoln, and with your great chieftains, Grant and Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan, there to hear that welcome which is due all those who have lived manfully and wrought righteously. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. The city of Portland, Oreg., is under a commission form of government. Its chief officer is the mayor, and you will understand at once what kind of a man he is when, in the language of electrical phenomena, I tell you he is "a live wire." [Applause.]

Hon. GEORGE L. BAKER, mayor of Portland. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, and your Staff, Women Auxiliaries that accompany you, and—I can not call you comrades. I wish to God I could.

People of Portland, I wonder how many of you to-night feel as I do. I wonder if your breast is swelling with pride, because I feel that I am in a measure responsible for the coming of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliaries to the city of Portland. When the Hon. Charles G. Burton, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, with his committee, called at my office and said, "I want to bring the Grand Army of the Republic to Portland. Can it be done?" I said, "There is nothing that the people of Portland can not do if they so elect." [Applause.]

I had the privilege of guaranteeing to the judge the expenses. You know there is always an expense that goes with everything. If it was not for that awful thing "expense," what a grand time we could have in this old world of ours? But anyhow we guaranteed the expense. The legislature was not in session, so we could not go to that body and get the necessary funds. But the people of Portland subscribed the funds, as they will do any time that they are requested to. Well, that is past history. All of the details were arranged and you are here—here with us in dear old Portland.

You heard the judge a moment ago say that we had streets named Lincoln, and Grant, and Sherman. Yes; we had streets that were named Frankfort, and Bismarck, and Karl, but we changed them. [Applause.] We haven't got anything in the city of Portland that sounds German at all, if we know it. [Applause.] And if we have, and you let us know, we will change that.

You know we have a right to ask you to the State of Oregon. There is nothing the matter with the State of Oregon. I am just going to take a moment of your time to tell you why. I had to make these figures because I could not remember them. I never knew there was so much money in the world. We had three Liberty loans, the first, second, and third. We were called upon on the first Liberty loan for nine million; the second we were asked to subscribe eighteen million, and on the third \$18,495,000. That was our quota. We subscribed in lieu of nine million, eleven million the first time; twenty-five instead of eighteen the second time; and twenty-eight instead of eighteen the third time. And we have subscribed in Liberty loans \$65,606,200. [Applause.] We have subscribed eighteen million dollars in war savings stamps; in the three Red Cross drives we have subscribed \$2,290,000; for Y. M. C. A. work we have subscribed \$435,000; and for miscellaneous work, such as Y. W. C. A., Salvation

Army, Armenian relief, Jewish relief, K. of C., and Army and Navy, something over \$300,000. A grand total of \$86,726,200 for war work in the State of Oregon, and we are only a small State. [Applause.]

So we lay a little claim to patriotism, and we realized fully what it meant to have the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Oregon during these war times. We appreciate your visit to the city of Portland and to the State of Oregon more at this time than any other organization that could come here in the next hundred years except—[applause] except, I say, when our boys come marching home. [Great applause.]

You heard the Hon. Wallace McCamant speak of those wonderful parades that he wished that he could have seen of the Continental Army and of the Grand Army of the Republic. Oh, God, I wish I could have seen them. But I hope to live, and instead of seeing the boys march through Berlin, as they will [applause], I want to be home when they come back. [Applause.] The German people will not feel as kindly toward them as they march through the streets of Berlin; but, oh, what a welcome it will be when the gray-haired mothers that have sent their boys to the front are standing along the lines and watching their boys come back. Oh, how their hearts will swell with pride. That is the sight I want to see—when the boys come home. [Applause.]

The Grand Army of the Republic! What a grand name, and, oh, how it has been guarded all through the long years! And what would our country have been if it had not been for the Grand Army of the Republic to keep patriotism alive in our country? It was almost dead. It was almost dead, and if it had not been for you men and women preaching patriotism on every side you would not have heard of any such thing as patriotism, and the old American flag would have been stored away and they would hardly have known what the color of it was. [Applause.]

We are thankful to you, and we are thankful to the Spanish-American War veterans, because as time goes on and the men and women of the age of the wars that have passed have died away, on comes another crop of real patriots, and it is that which keeps our great country alive to its duty and the full realization of what the people owe to their country.

I do welcome you to the city of Portland. I do so with a feeling that I can not express in words, but I want you to feel that every citizen of Portland is willing to do everything to make you happy and to make you go away with the feeling that you have visited a real hospitable city. [Applause.]

And when your visit is over and you go back to your homes, just remember that there is a little green spot in the United States called Oregon, where the clear waters flow from its snow-peaked mountains down to the mighty ocean, where the tall timber grows that is building the ships for our boys to cross the sea, and where the spruce is made into the aeroplane to fly over the enemy's country. Just remember also that along our peaceful streets grow roses in abundance, and that we have a real home city that means everything that the word implies. And remember when this war is over—and you know the part that you have played to make this country safe for democracy and to make that grand old flag revered as it should be—remember also that your boys that are fighting over there are



fighting to make that flag respected in every part of the world [applause]; that in the future wherever the American flag flies every man and every woman will bow in respect to that flag and she will float with respect and triumph in every land on the face of God Almighty's earth. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. A young man from the State of Indiana enlisted in the One hundred and twenty-fourth Indiana Regiment and served with it gallantly during the War of the Rebellion. You comrades will know what kind of a fighting regiment it was when I tell you that it belonged to the old Twenty-third Corps. The young man, following the war pursued the avocations of peace and has been recognized as a typical American citizen. He has always been a royal comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. His most remarkable quality is his modesty, and that modesty is only excelled by his merit; and because of his modesty and his merit the Department of Oregon made him its commander. I introduce to you Tillman H. Stevens, commander of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

TILLMAN H. STEVENS, of Portland. Mr. Chairman, ladies, comrades, and friends. It is certainly a high honor and a great pleasure to me, as department commander of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, to extend to you on this most auspicious occasion a right royal welcome.

Portland and Oregon are proud hosts and they feel highly honored by your presence here to-night, and more especially so to see you, the surviving members of that grand Union Army that saved this great Nation from destruction and our glorious flag from dishonor and disgrace.

Oregon is comparatively a young State. We can not show you any grand, old, historic spots. We can not show you any old Independence Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," such as you have seen in Philadelphia. Neither can we show you a Faneuil Hall, an Old North Church, or a Bunker Hill Monument, as you have seen in Boston.

Nor can we show you any of the battle fields of the war. But we have here in this department comrades who fought, either individually or collectively, on all the great battle fields of the Civil War. We have them who fought with Gen. Grant at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Vicksburg. We have them who were with him in the Wilderness, at Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Appomattox. We have others who fought in the Valley with Sheridan; others who fought at Antietam and at Gettysburg. We have them here who fought under grand, old "Pap" Thomas at Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Franklin, and Nashville.

We have many who followed our grand old commander, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, as he marched through Georgia from Atlanta to the Sea; and we all join in extending to you a most cordial welcome.

Our various Portland committees will do everything in their power to make your stay with us a pleasant one during the encampment, and after it has closed and you are returning to your homes we hope that you will carry with you nothing but the kindest feelings and most pleasant memories of your visit to Portland and the entertainment by this department and the good, loyal, and patriotic citizens of

Oregon, who never fail to go over the top on any and all public occasions.

In all probability this is the last national encampment that will be held on the Pacific coast, and it is the desire of Portland that you have the time of your lives.

Now, as the governor's representative has extended to you the courtesies and has welcomed you to the confines of the State, and as our most superb mayor has offered you the freedom of the city, there is nothing left for me to do but to say that I again and again extend to you the most cordial welcome. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. We will now be favored with the battle hymn of the French Republic, sung in French by the daughter of a comrade of ours who has gone over the Great Divide.

(Mrs. Daisy Wells, of Portland, sang in French the "Marseillaise," and the audience expressed appreciation by hearty applause.)

The CHAIRMAN. A year ago the Grand Army of the Republic honored a comrade from Indiana by placing upon his breast the badge of its commander in chief. During the year that has come and gone he has honored the Grand Army of the Republic by the prompt, efficient, and faithful discharge of his duties. [Applause.] Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, from the Department of Indiana.

Commander in Chief ORLANDO A. SOMERS. Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and American citizens, the highest title that can be given to any of you in this Republic is that of an American citizen. [Applause.] It means more to-day than it has ever meant before in this Republic. [Applause.] It calls men to a higher sense of duty than any call that has ever been sounded before in this Republic.

The Grand Army of the Republic has been received by the great State of Oregon, and I call it great—not great in ancient history, but great because God Almighty made it great. [Applause.] And Oregon will make the history when they have had their time, and they are making it now. Opportunities to make history occur but once in 50 years, and Oregon, as the representative of the governor has told you, is making its history and it is taking the lead of the great States in writing history. [Applause.]

The mayor of this city has honored himself greatly, never more greatly than when he asked the Grand Army of the Republic to come here. [Applause.] This city has never before been honored by an audience like this. [Applause.] Fifty years and more of time will have to pass before she can be honored by another audience like this. [Applause.]

The Grand Army of the Republic brings to you the most distinguished body of American citizens that have ever assembled in this city. [Applause.] Distinguished by their patriotism, by their loyalty, by their sacrifice, by their service, and by what they have saved to the Republic—saved in time of war and continued to save from the war down until to-night. Because in all the half century of pacifism, and that is what we have had—pacifism for a half century—the Grand Army has had upon it the duty and the responsibility of keeping alive the fires of patriotism upon our hearthstones.

In that time our people have been getting rich and we have become the wealthiest Nation of all the ages. It seems now that wealth and patriotism must have gone hand in hand, and while the younger men have made the money with which to fight the wars of to-day, we have furnished the patriotism. [Applause.] And that combination is going to make our flag float over Berlin [applause], a flag that has always been victorious, and any peace without victory would tarnish that flag. [Applause.]

Now, I have said this was a distinguished audience. I want to present to the people of Oregon and of Portland the most distinguished body of men in America, men who have engaged in more than 2,000 battles, and in response to the gavel, which may break, I want the men who belong to the Grand Army to rise to their feet, that the people of this city and this State may see what a dignified and distinguished body of American citizens wear the bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic. [The comrades present were called to their feet by the gavel.] [Great applause.] Your honor and representative of the governor, here are the survival of the fittest of more than 2,000,000 men, physically the fittest of more than 2,000,000 men.

We have as our allies the patriotic women of this country, the Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, and the Daughters of Veterans. [Applause.] And I am going to ask these ladies to arise, that you may see the nobility of those with whom we are associated. [Gavel.] [Great applause.] No Roman matron nor Grecian dame ever excelled the noble women with whom we are allied. [Applause.]

When it was decided that this encampment was to come to Portland, this great empire to the east said, "The West is too remote for us. The distance is too great. The demands are too great upon the American people for us to attend an encampment so remote." And we wondered whether a successful encampment could be held in this beautiful city near the sea. Nothing is gained without effort or sacrifice. The Grand Army of the Republic is schooled in these qualities, and immediately the Grand Army of the Republic went to work to secure a reduced rate of fare that we might come. And the great Government that we saved, recognizing our worth even yet, gave us a reduced rate of fare. We said to the President of the United States and members of his Cabinet, who were at that time complaining something of the pacifism of the West, of the I. W. W.'s, "Give us this reduced rate of fare and we will sweep this empire from the Atlantic to the Pacific with 10,000 men making patriotic speeches and singing patriotic songs, and we will sweep the I. W. W.'s and pacifism into the ocean." There is not a pacifist now that is not inclosed with barbed wires and guards. There are no more I. W. W.'s howling in the wilderness in the West that I have heard, and I have come across the continent. [Applause.]

I have been from ocean to ocean twice, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, and the American flag is floating over every public building and private home in the land. [Applause.] There is no North, no South, no East, no West [applause]—just America! [Applause.]

Your honors, the Grand Army of the Republic greatly appreciate the reception that has been given them in this city. I have not heard an utterance from any soldier or any of our allies but what has been

in praise of the beautiful country and of the hospitable city. I thank you. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. The commander in chief alluded to the women of the Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Veterans. We are very soon to have a greeting from the girls of '61 who became members of the Volunteer Army Nurses; girls who are endeared beyond measure to every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, because they nursed us in the hospitals, they soothed the dying, and they sent messages from them to the loved ones at home, and closed the eyes of our dead. Sixteen of those old girls are here now. [Applause.] Before we receive their greetings, I am going to ask Dr. Stuart McGuire to sing that sweetest, that saddest, that most tender of all the Army songs, "We Are Tenting To-night on the Old Camp Ground."

(Dr. McGuire was enthusiastically received by the audience, and sang the familiar words in a voice of great richness and power.)

The CHAIRMAN. The Volunteer Army Nurses' Association, in the person of its president, Mrs. Alicé Cary Risley, of Jefferson City, Mo., will now present their greetings to the commander in chief as the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, president of the Association of Army Nurses. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, ladies, and comrades, it is with pleasure, as well as with a great deal of pride, that I come before you bringing you the greetings of the Army Nurses of the Civil War. We, as well as yourselves, have passed the threescore-and-ten milestone, but our hearts are just as warm and just as fragrant with the memory of those old days of 1861-1865 as yours. There is a bond of comradeship between us that neither time nor tide can sever, and we come before you and come to these encampments with glad feelings that we can meet with you once more.

When we hark back to those old days when we were doing our bit to help you make this country what it is to-day and remember what we had to do with compared to the unlimited means behind the Red Cross to-day, we fully realize what we could have done had we been better prepared. We, the Army Nurses of the Civil War, blazed the way for the greatest organization of the world—the Red Cross.

We bring you loving greetings and tender memories that will neither fade nor grow old.

The Army Nurses will hold a reception on next Wednesday night in the Grand Army National Headquarters, and we would be glad to have you come and meet with us.

On my own behalf, I want to say that I am an honorary member of the Thirty-fourth Indiana, the One hundred and sixtieth New York, the Twenty-sixth Massachusetts, the United States Signal Corps, and in New York City in 1910 I was made an honorary member of the Nineteenth Army Corps. If there are any of you boys went up to Alexandria, I would like to meet you. I spent two months in Alexandria this summer, and I would like to meet some of you and tell you about that country.

Judge Burton, in behalf of the 16 Army Nurses present, I want to thank you for recognizing our presence.

The CHAIRMAN. The commander in chief has designated Comrade Corpl. James Tanner to respond. Is he present? My friends, in the absence of Corpl. Tanner, and we regret his absence, but it is easily



explained—he can not get around as readily as we who have two full legs.

Mrs. Risley, to you and your 15 companions, I tender the heartfelt gratitude of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] I thank you old girls; and pardon me for calling you “old girls,” but you will always be girls to the boys that you nursed and tended in the days of '61 and '65. I want to say to you that every comrade remembers and ever will remember the services that you rendered to us in hospital, in camp, even behind the firing line. Many of us remember how you soothed us midst our sufferings. Many of the boys who were buried upon the battle fields or near by gave to you messages of love and affection to wives and mothers and sweethearts, and you closed the eyes of many a comrade gone over the Great Divide.

Like the comrades, you are no longer young. Every one of you has passed the milestone erected by the psalmist as the approximate limit of human life. But to-day, notwithstanding your gray hairs and your wrinkled faces, you are as fair to us as you were in the days of '61. [Applause.] And in the name of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, God bless each and every one of you from now until the end. [Applause.]

There will be not an intermission but a break in the program. Chief of Staff Hosley, you have the floor, sir.

GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts, chief of staff. I take this opportunity of addressing my remarks principally to the commander in chief. There are many duties that you have placed upon me that I have performed with great pleasure, but there is no duty that I have performed or am about to perform that gives me any greater pleasure than the present one put upon me, not by the commander in chief but by his aids and his official family.

It is nothing new for me, citizens of Oregon and of Portland, to come to the Pacific slope. For many years I have been coming here. This is my twenty-ninth round trip and my thirty-second, counting trips by ocean and all. So when this encampment was located at Portland, Oreg., I was not very warm in my ideas of coming here. However, duty called me, and it is my greatest pleasure to come here from the Atlantic Ocean, from the Old Bay State and the shadow of Bunker Hill, here to see the beautiful valleys of Oregon and to your beautiful city of Portland to perform this duty.

Following a custom of my predecessors, I am about to pin upon the breast of the commander in chief a testimonial presented to him by his aids and his official staff. It is with great pleasure, commander in chief, that I perform this duty. This badge is tendered to you as a testimonial, as I say, from your aids and from the members of your official family. It is not only a badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, but knowing your affection for an organization that you belong to that has been represented by such men as Logan, Rosecrans, and other distinguished men, and I believe that you are the first high private, as you might say, that has ever held the honorable position of president of the Army of the Cumberland, we have here placed in the center of this badge the insignia of the Army of the Cumberland, and I take great pleasure in pinning this upon your breast. I hope that it will give you great pleasure in many years to come as you wear it. Wear it, as I know

you will, with all honor to yourself and to this glorious organization which you represent and command. [Applause.]

Mrs. Somers, I have a word to say to you. You all know, boys, that in times of the Civil War although the men suffered they had many moments of pleasure and fun. The real sufferers were the women—the mothers and sisters and wives who were left at home. Now, Mrs. Somers has been left at home a great deal for the past year. She told me that she was glad that the opportunity had come now when she could get acquainted with her husband. I know she will appreciate this occasion. She has had many lonely nights, many nights possibly of anxiety, because when we get along at the age of the commander in chief and myself we have more or less of a turn-over in life, as you might call it, in our system; we don't feel as good on certain days as we do on others and we need the ministering care of our wives. I know that she has felt anxious. She told me that he needed watching, and I am going to help her watch him. Mrs. Somers, I take pleasure in presenting to you this watch. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief SOMERS. Chief of staff and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have talked sometimes in politics and a great many times to the Grand Army of the Republic, but never in my life have I had to prepare a speech for an occasion like this. I was told this evening at the dinner table that my presence would be necessary here to-night. I did not just understand that. I got ready to come here, and then they told me that it was necessary for my wife to come along to watch me. I am taken by surprise in this matter, but I greatly appreciate the kindness of my official family and my aids. I take this as a symbol of their kindness and affection for me and their association with me during the year. I prize it most highly; more highly than that do I prize the opportunity that came to me this year to serve my comrades. [Applause.] I have served them as best I could. I am proud of having been at the head of such an organization. I am ready to take my place beside my distinguished predecessors, Palmer, Burton, Van Sant, Tanner, and a score of other men who have been distinguished as members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Again I thank my official family and my aids for this remembrance, which shall be kept in perpetuation of themselves and which shall go to those who bear my name and in whose memory they will ever be held dear. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. For 36 years the Woman's Relief Corps has been the auxiliary and the helpmeet of the Grand Army of the Republic. It will now present its greeting by its president, Mrs. Lois M. Knauff, who stands as a type of that American womanhood that we love to honor and make queens of our homes. [Applause.]

Mrs. LOIS M. KNAUFF, of Ohio, president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Chairman, commander, representative of the governor, mayor of Portland, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends, you have heard this is the thirty-sixth year of the Woman's Relief Corps. This, I believe, is your fifty-second. You realize that 52 years ago you felt you wanted an organization. You formed it, and for years you were independent. You were young and vigorous, and all you thought of at that time was having a good



time in your meetings, a good time when you gathered at your reunions.

But there came a time when you grew tired of being bachelors. You began to feel that there was work to do, and when there was work to do you were ready to call on the women to help you. [Applause.] And more than that, the women were only too happy to do so. [Applause.] In 1882 you began to consider a proposal. [Laughter.] It took you a year, and those you consulted, to decide whether it would amount to anything or not. You know people are not always in a hurry to consider a proposal.

In 1883, by invitation of the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a few, compared to what we have to-day, loyal, patriotic women met in the city of Denver to consider what would be done with your proposal. After holding their meetings and making their plans, upon invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic, they were invited into that meeting to lay them before you. You were very glad to accept them. They were very glad to have them accepted, and at that time we joined hands with the Grand Army of the Republic and for the 36 years we have stood by you, we have worked with you, we have taken care of your comrades, we have taken care of their dependent ones, and we are continuing to do it. We are going to do it as long as there is a comrade to work for or a dependent one.

In that length of time we have spent nearly five millions of dollars in relief, in cash. That is a small representation of what we have done. We have gone into the homes to cheer the weary souls, to give consolation, and to prove to them our love and our loyalty. This is written above. We can not give it to you here.

Now, as time has gone on, we have worked along patriotic lines. We have spent thousands of dollars to help you in your patriotic work. We have done our part, as far as possible, to keep alive patriotism in this land of ours, to teach our children to be good citizens, to go into our schools, go into our different institutions, and prove to you that we were true American citizens.

And now this year has been an exception. We have worked with the Grand Army of the Republic just along that line. This year we have taken up a new work. As loyal, patriotic women, we have worked to prove to the boys in brown that we are standing by them. [Applause.] We have adopted the boys in brown as part of our family. We are going to keep them with us. We are going to be here to welcome them when they come back to us with that flag floating high, as their fathers and their grandfathers did. [Applause.] And we greet them with the little toast:

“Here’s to the Blue of the wind-tossed North,  
As they meet on the fields of France,  
May the spirit of Grant be over them all,  
As the sons of the North advance.  
Here’s to the Gray of the sun-kissed South,  
As they meet on the fields of France,  
May the spirit of Lee be over them all,  
As the sons of the South advance.  
Here’s to the Blue and the Gray as one,  
As they meet on the fields of France,  
May the spirit of God be over them all,  
As the sons of our Flag advance.”

[Applause.]

We are going to cheer them on with all the toasts and the cheering words we can give them, and prove to them that we are just as loyal to them as we have been to their fathers and grandfathers.

Now, Commander, to prove to you that the Woman's Relief Corps are loyal and true, I come to extend to you the greetings of your auxiliary—the Woman's Relief Corps, 165,000 strong—and say to you that we pledge anew to the Grand Army, you and your comrades, our allegiance and our love for you, one and all.

And now in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, I present to you and through you to your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic a piece of paper representing \$1,000. [Applause.] This is to prove that we are going to continue to be the helpmeet that we promised to be 36 years ago. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief SOMERS. You all know why we made the proposal now.

The CHAIRMAN. The commander in chief has designated Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner to respond to these greetings. In the absence of Comrade Gardner, Comrade Willett, of Iowa, will respond.

Hon. J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. Mrs. President of the Woman's Relief Corps—this is so unexpected that I know you can see me blush. If there is a dear subject in my mind and in my heart, it is my attachment for the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.]

A number of years ago the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Iowa, being tired of riding critter-back and hiking over the country, concluded that they would take the yearly trip by water, and hence they elected me as a representative of the Navy in the War of the Rebellion to preside over that organization as department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Iowa.

At that time I was a busy man, and I have always been a busy man, and am holding a man's position to-day which takes practically all of my time. But I dropped everything, and with a membership approximating 10,000 in the State of Iowa, we had become more or less lethargic. I began to canvass the State, and I found everywhere I went that where there was a live organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, we found patriotism at its height and a good, healthy Grand Army Post. [Applause.] I say to you, comrades, that it was our experience and mine in the State of Iowa that it was the Relief Corps for years that has put the ginger into the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic to hold it together. [Applause.]

But I must not take too much of your time. It is not my purpose to make a lengthy address, but to say to these ladies who represent that grand and great organization that the manner in which they are taking hold of the charitable duties that are incumbent upon the women of this country in this trying hour shows the disposition upon their part to do good. I know what they are doing in my State. I know what they are doing in my county; that the Relief Corps of that county is furnishing a comfort kit to every volunteer or conscripted man that goes from the county. [Applause.] I know that they are always on hand at the departure of the boys when they are called by the draft or a squad are going as volunteers. I know that in my State they are constantly sending charities in the shape of delicacies and bandages and other matters of that kind to the Soldiers' Home, where they are so much needed, being out of the

ordinary in the hospital. I know that their charities are unbounded, and they are only to be compared to their queenly conduct.

Ladies, I greet you in behalf of our comrades and in behalf of the national encampment now in session. [Applause.]

(Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Portland, thrilled the large audience by his singing of "When the Boys Come Marching Home.")

The CHAIRMAN. For 32 years the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have been the ally of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the battle of Gettysburg three of our comrades in the Army of the Union were killed. One of them was the father, the other two the uncles, of a child in the cradle, and three months afterwards the mother died of a broken heart. And yet that orphan, under the opportunities that are afforded in this land of ours, has grown up into magnificent womanhood and is the president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and comes here to greet the commander in chief and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I name Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, of Maine.

MRS. MARY E. TARBOX, of Maine, national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mr. Chairman, commander, chief executives of the States, sisters of the organizations, particularly the Army Nurses, and friends, I bring you not only the greetings of 63,000 women who are blood kin relatives, as the chairman has told you, of the veterans, but I also bring to you the cordial greetings of the old Pine Tree State of Maine, whom you saw fit to honor by taking the name for your city of one of our beautiful cities back on the coast of that State. [Applause.]

It is one of the grandest traits in human history that the things that were done in the days of the rebellion have been perpetuated and are not forgotten. And to-day we are so proud to see that this magnificent legacy that has been bequeathed to our organization, that gave us the name Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, is more appreciated than ever before.

Never has our Grand Army been so much in evidence, been so beloved from Maine to California, as it is to-day. We loyal women, members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, knowing what our fathers did and what a precious memory it was, for 32 years have been instilling into the children in the public schools what their fathers, grandfathers, and other relatives did. Many times it seemed as though our lessons perhaps were not appreciated. I ask you to-day, when you stop and think of the wonderful response that was made from every part of the world, Were those lessons appreciated? Did they have the effect that the women wanted them to have? Most assuredly they have.

And we have added this year to our work, the care of those boys who responded so loyally when we asked them if they were ready to go. They not only appreciate what we have done for them, but the letters that come to us from across the sea show that they heartily appreciate what the whole country has done for them, and how proud we are.

One year ago when these executives that you behold here to-night were born in the beautiful city of Boston, the most historic city on the coast of Massachusetts, we thought we needed an inspiration. We thought at that time no State could afford the inspiration unless it was replete with hallowed associations of all the different things that

have been mentioned to you to-night, and of the great men that were born in that State. We thought that was all that was needed. It was an inspiration and it was conducive to us to accept those offices and fill them to the very best ability that any one possibly could do.

We have done a wonderful work during the year. You have been told what the commander in chief has done. The lessons taught by the women during our trip across the continent have not been lost. We appreciate more than ever what it means. We realized what our flag meant, we thought before, but we shall never have any doubts again but that ours is the only flag on which the sun has never set. When she lights up her golden lamps on the rock-bound coast of Alaska, the rising sun will salute her on the coast of Maine. We realize that more forcibly, having been so far out in your beautiful country.

We have received the inspiration here which will help us to work for our boys the rest of the war through, until they come home with their flag unstained and untarnished, as they are sure to come. The handiwork of God represented in your glorious country that we have had the opportunity of seeing so much of means fully as much as the historic things that started us on our good work one year ago.

We realize forcibly that our boys are doing just as much as these veterans did in another time. We have taught them. They know what it means. It is the same flag, the same country, the same God that you fought for that they are fighting for to-day.

The God to whom Columbus in reverence bent the knee;  
The God who brought the Pilgrims so safely o'er the sea;  
The God to whom brave Washington at Valley Forge did pray;  
The God our fathers worshipped, they worship still to-day.

One God, one flag, one country,  
That flag—red, white, and blue,  
And a country that is the grandest  
The centuries ever knew.

The flag that in the sixties  
Flew in triumph to the breeze—  
That flag to-day is a beacon  
To our boys across the seas.

It points the way to liberty  
To men from shore to shore;  
The flag that stands for freedom  
Is the flag we all adore.

One God, one flag, one country!  
Then shout aloud the glad refrain,  
From Alaska's snow-clad mountans  
To the pine-clad hills of Maine.

[Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. Comrade Van Sant has been delegated to respond to this toast. He does not seem to be here, and the commander in chief will make this response.

Commander in Chief ORLANDO A. SOMERS. Comrades, I regret that Past Commander in Chief Van Sant is not here, but I am so nearly a past commander in chief that I will try to take his place for a moment.

I have been permitted to travel over this land with the president of the Relief Corps, the president of the Ladies of the Grand Army,



and the president of the Daughters of Veterans. To have traveled over this Republic with three such grand ladies is a memory that will always remain with me. I have found all three of them at all times loyal to their organizations, sometimes I thought just a little too loyal. I have found room for all of these organizations. I have found room for the Relief Corps because it embraces all the loyal women of the Republic who desire to become members. [Applause.] I have found room for the Ladies of the Grand Army because it is theirs to perpetuate the history and glory of their ancestors. [Applause.] I have found room for the Daughters of Veterans because it is assumed that some time or other there will be a survival of the fittest, and some time or other, maybe, when there is no Grand Army to be an auxiliary to and when these old veterans are all dead, the crown will fall upon the Daughters. But for the present I am proud that we have all three of them.

I am proud of the work that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have done. We need all of them. The country needs their services. I appreciate greatly the work of all of them, and none more than that of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. Comrades, when our boys go out from home we miss them, but sometimes there grows up a coolness between us. But when our daughters go out, even though they go to be the queen of some other man's home, they are always dear unto us; and in that spirit I ask Miss Anna B. Dunham, as the president of the Daughters of Veterans, to present her greetings.

MISS ANNA B. DUNHAM, of New York, President National Alliance Daughters of Veterans. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, his excellency, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations, and friends, I bring you the cordial and loving greetings of every Daughter of a Veteran throughout the United States, and they are greetings from the heart. It has been said that—

A son is a son till he marries a wife,  
But a daughter's a daughter all the days of her life.

For over 50 years you have assembled around these camp fires to extend the fraternal handshake and rehearse reminiscences of those memorable days of the sixties. As the flower of our young manhood is again going forth and history is repeating itself, those days have returned to you many times through memory's halls and you have tented again on those old camp grounds.

Comrades, you are the men who have made it possible for the boys in khaki and the boys in sailor blue to take freedom and democracy to the world. Yours is an enviable record, and the Daughters are justly proud of their soldier fathers. But loyalty and patriotism are just as much alive to-day as they were then. Loyalty unlocks patriotism, and patriotism begins far back of the firing line.

We can all help win this war. If we can not go to the battle front, we can back up the Government and keep the home fires burning. And when our Uncle Samuel asks us to eat dark war bread we will do it without a murmur. For remember—

Kaiser Bill is short on sauerkraut,  
And Hoover is going to get him  
If we will all help out.

During the Civil War three southern generals came to President Lincoln with a peace agreement whereby a line was drawn firmly between the North and the South. After they had finished, our great and noble Lincoln said, "We will have all or nothing." We want peace, but Belgium must first be restored and the black flag of Imperial Germany brought down and buried forever.

In the sixties it was the women that fought the battles at home, and they were battles, and at this very moment the women of America are taking their places and doing their part to help win this war, and I would advise his Imperial Majesty to look out for them as well as the Sammies. Every woman's organization throughout the country is doing its utmost gladly and willingly, and, comrades, your daughters are not taking a back seat, but they are doing most admirably from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and I am proud to be the representative of an organization that stands for so much.

We are doing our best to help the boys go over the top right, but we are doing no more than we ought to do, for these boys are just as dear to us as our fathers were to the mothers of over 50 years ago.

The Civil War has been compared as a street fight to the one going on to-day, but that street fight is changing the world's history, and the time is coming when the whole world will take up the refrain, "God bless America."

Every year people are visiting Gettysburg, where was fought one of the fiercest and one of the greatest battles the world has ever known. Had it not been for that hallowed spot a very different story would be told to-day. Fifty years later on that old battle ground occurred another great epoch in American history—the peace celebration. There the Blue and the Gray mingled together. The feeling between the North and the South has been forever wiped out, and our boys from the Southland are marching side by side with our boys from the Northland under the one flag—the Stars and Stripes. [Applause.]

As 500 years ago Serbia rescued Continental Europe from the butchery of the Turk, so has the Belgian soldiery rescued France, and the torch that was thrown from Flanders field to America is being held high by our Army and Navy.

In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved; and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

[Applause.]

At Plymouth, Mass., there is a monument known as the Pilgrim Monument. It represents morality, law, education, and freedom,



A country founded on these principles can never be shaken from its foundation, and it will last until time is no more. The shot that was fired from Fort Sumter is only an echo of the Boston Tea Party still doing business, and that echo will never die out.

Lord Derby, the British ambassador, in his Fourth of July address at Paris, said that the licking America had given the English was the best she had ever had and it had done her good; and now that we have proceeded to thrash Imperial Germany we will not give up until we have made a good job out of it.

During the last five years great changes have been wrought, and at that time England would not have taken dictation from the President of the United States, nor would France have listened to her statesmen. The allied nations to-day are not only glad but eager to hear what the American people have to say.

Our legislatures are passing bills that would have taken years of hard labor to have brought to a successful finish. The scope of woman's field is gradually growing, and woman with the ballot in her hand is a power in any community. She will not only rock the cradle but she will sway the ballot box.

Every student of history will agree that Nero, with his frightful record, will be obliged to resign to the German Kaiser, who, so far, has seemed to escape. But you will remember Achilles, whose mother held him by the heel and dipped him in the River Styx that he might be invulnerable, was finally killed by an arrow shot into his heel. So we will get the Kaiser, maybe.

You men of the sixties fought for the same principles that the boys to-day are fighting to maintain—freedom and democracy—and these boys will take that flag that has never known defeat into the Huns' territory and bring it back to us unsullied. While the eyes of the world are upon America, may she be just at home, and may we see the Star-Spangled Banner shine out brighter and more beautiful than ever before, because it will proclaim liberty to the world. And as the Lord God Almighty rode at the head of the Union Army in the Civil War, so He is leading our boys to-day.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

[Applause.]

Commander in Chief, in behalf of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, I present to you this token of our love and esteem. It contains a paper that represents \$500, and is to be placed in the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be used as they desire. We ask you to accept it in the same spirit as we have given it.  
[Applause.]

Mrs. Somers, in behalf of the Daughters of Veterans, I wish to present you with these flowers as a token of our love. [Applause.]

Mrs. Risley, national president of the Army Nurses, in behalf of our organization I have the honor to present to you this token of our love and affection (\$25). In asking you to accept it, we wish it had been more to give to the noble women who took care of our fathers on those southern battle fields; and as a token of our love, here is a bunch of roses for each one of the Army nurses. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose daughter you are, I accept this as a grateful token of your love and friendship for the Grand Army of the Republic, and it shall go into the permanent fund and be a sacred fund while the Grand Army of the Republic shall last. We thank you for it.

The CHAIRMAN. Past Commander in Chief David J. Palmer, of the department of Iowa, will now respond to these last greetings.

Past Commander in Chief DAVID J. PALMER. Commander in Chief and Miss Dunham, my comrades, representing you in answering these greetings from the Daughters of Veterans, I feel like telling you a story about the kind of a fix I am in. Two boys went to school together, up through high school and college, and, having graduated, one went into the ministry and the other into the Navy. The Navy boy went out from the shores of America, was gone about a year and a half, returned, and anchored at New York. He thought about his chum and wondered where he was. Upon inquiry he found that he was preaching in New York. So he hunted him up and called on him. They were glad to see each other, and they had a good time talking over their school days and visiting. Finally the preacher said, "Jim, I want to show you a parrot that I think is the best talking parrot in America." So he brought it out and placed it on a stand, and it chirped away for a while.

Finally the Navy man said, "John, I have got a parrot down at the boat that can beat that one. I'll go down and bring it up." So he brought up his parrot and set it beside the other one, and they began talking away. True to his training, the preacher's parrot said, "What shall we do to be saved?" And the other bird, true to what he had always heard on the boat, replied, "Pump like hell or go to the bottom." [Laughter.]

After all these flights of oratory they have asked me to come up here and answer the Daughters of Veterans' greetings. It is almost too much to expect. You may know what kind of pumping I will have to do from this on.

In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I surely want to thank you, Miss Dunham, for these words of greeting and your nice present to the Grand Army, through the commander in chief. That touches the heart of every old comrade here. We are awfully glad to have you with us.

The song used to be about "The Girls We Left Behind Us." We used to sing that to that row of 16 over there. Now the girls go with us when we go to war. That is the difference then and now. We find the girls of to-day ready to go out on the firing line and help some poor soldier back to the field hospital—fix him the best they can—and he finally lands in the base hospital there to find the best physicians, surgeons, and nurses to care for him. And we have

found out that the per cent of deaths from wounds is so small that it is hardly counted at all.

It was not so with you, my comrades. How do you suppose I would have felt—I was left for dead on the field at Shiloh. You will think I ought to have been dead before I am done with this. How do you suppose I would have felt when I came to, to find two or three of these girls standing around me fixing me up and helping to get me started down to the hospital? Wouldn't that have been something to me? I would have felt like getting up and taking after a Johnnie right away. Now, there is the difference now and then. And that has all grown out of what you comrades have done since you came home fifty odd years ago. You have put it into the heart of every woman and girl in the United States to stand up for Uncle Sam. [Applause.]

These young women here, the Daughters of Veterans, what have they been doing? They have been showing the flag everywhere they went. They have been putting it in the schools. Nowadays in America every school in our entire country has a flag. That is the teaching of the Daughters of Veterans everywhere.

Like my comrade here, the commander in chief, I passed from East to West, and from North to South, and I found the Daughters of Veterans earnestly endeavoring to teach loyalty and patriotism everywhere they went, and they did it. That was not all. They practiced it. There is a lot of difference between teaching and practicing. You want a man to teach, you like to have him teach, but he wants to show his teaching by his practice.

So the girls are going along with us now and are showing to the American people that patriotism goes along with the flag wherever it goes. And wherever that flag goes the sun is shining, and under the shadow of it is carried the idea of freedom.

I tell you, these girls are going to make American queens after while. They will be the queens of the American homes all over this country, as we have them already now. I tell you I have a queen over there in Iowa that tells me where to head in all right. [Applause.] I don't have any trouble about it either. And so with these girls, when they get somebody to exercise queenship over, he will be a better man, and a braver man, and a more loyal man than he was before. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. The audience will now please stand and sing the first and last verses of "America," led by Mrs. Fred Olson.

(After the singing Commander in Chief Somers proposed three cheers for the President of the United States of America, which were given in a rousing manner, after which the audience, at 11.10 p. m., was dismissed.)

## THE GRAND PARADE.

The following accounts of the parade held on Tuesday, August 20, 1918, are taken from the Portland (Oreg.) daily papers:

[News, Aug. 20, 1918.]

The veterans paraded to-day. Miss Portland the Spinster tossed dignity to the wind and became almost hysterical over her ancient guests.

Where are the "thinning ranks" the cub reporters like to write about? The veterans marched in their thousands—an army of tough old terriers.

Briskly, too, they marched, as briskly as any lad in khaki, albeit it is hard to step to martial music when "rheumatiz" twitches at the leg joints or a wooden stump fails to find the inequalities in the road.

There won't be many more encampments. Time works by an inexorable law. It was more than half a century ago that "the boys of '61" came marching home from war.

### GRANDSONS AT WAR.

Their grandsons are now fighting in France as they fought in Dixie, that the Government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

It must have been a thought like this that gave the veterans vigor and sent them swinging along the streets with rhythmic tread. It's good stock the boys in khaki come from!

Did you notice the fife and drum corps that marched near the head of the line? Did you hear the shrill music that reminded you of Scotch pipes? The tune, perhaps, was vaguely familiar. You had not heard it in years. Whistle it—

I want to get married. I do, I do!

I want to get married, but don't you tell pa!

I want to get married, but don't you tell pa;

For he won't like it, mamma, mamma!

That's the tune. Keep time to it. Get the swing of it. Notice how it lends itself to fife and drum.

There was an old man in the corps who played a fife. His whiskers were long and snow white, and they blew straight back over his shoulders as he marched. His eyes blazed. He did not hear the shouts. He did not see the crowds. He reminded one of the old man in the painting, "The Spirit of '76."

It's the same spirit—'76, '61, '18.

They marched by States. Americans are not bothering about "States's rights" these days. Only the Union matters, and democracy. They marched by States, from both sides of the Mason and Dixon line, blue and gray together.

### REBEL YELL HEARD.

If you listened closely you could hear, in the swelling chorus of Yankee cheers, the rebel yell, given in fun by some old boy in gray who long ago forgot the ancient, tragic quarrel that almost wrecked democracy.

The sidewalks were banked solidly with people, and every window, fire escape, and roof held its little crowd. The air was filled with falling roses tossed from the windows. The fragrant blooms showered down and were caught by the veterans, who sometimes muffed. Then they scrambled for the flowers, laughing like boys, and fastened them to the lapels of their old blue coats.

[Telegram, Aug. 20, 1918.]

With cheers and tears, showers of roses, fluttering handkerchiefs, and flags proudly waved, Portlanders—100,000 of them—to-day did homage to the fighters



of the sixties. As the little remnant of the once great army of 2,000,000 men swung down the jammed thoroughfares on their annual parade and review by their commander in chief, their appearance electrified the crowd and tens of thousands let go their pent up emotions without restraint.

There were about 5,000 Grand Army veterans in line—and scarcely one under 70 years of age.

Their martial spirit again vanquished their years. While feet at times faltered, for the most part the gray-haired veterans stepped to the time of blood-tingling fife and war drum.

It was a sight the Northwest had never seen before and never will see again. To the onlookers it was an inspiration—a scene that brought tears, not because the men in line were old, but because they typified the spirit of America and the ideal of the Republic—liberty.

"We're after the Hun, the son of a gun," shouted an old veteran marching with the Wisconsin department. In his voice was the quavor of old age.

"You started it, dad, and we'll finish it," roared a young giant in khaki, standing in the crowd.

The crowd roared. The interchange between the warrior of a half century ago and one who is in it to help carry through the same ideal for the world was just an incident—but it showed that the fighting spirit of America then and now is the same.

#### FIGHTING SONGS ARE HEARD.

And it was the fighting spirit that dominated the parade and that kept the marchers erect and the crowd cheering. Patriotic Portland was stirred as never before.

There was heard anew such tunes as "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "The Campbells Are Coming," "Yankee Doodle," "John Brown's Body," and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." A trio of vocally inclined marchers in the Ohio contingent coupled up the present with the past by improvising a new version of "Marching Through Georgia." When they reached the reviewing stand in front of the post-office building they saluted Commander in Chief Somers and then sang "When We Go Marching Through Germany" to the old marching song. The last two lines, all that could be heard due to the crowd's uproar, were:

"And we'll smash the Kaiser, too,  
While we go marching through Germany."

Incidents brimful of human interest were plentiful. The badge of one veteran who preferred to stand on the side lines was sighted by a comrade in the procession. "Hey, there, you old slacker, get in here and parade; you can't git to Berlin standing there!" cried the marcher. A shout greeted the command.

"Where you going, Missouri?" one spectator asked the Missouri delegation.

"Straight to Berlin, partner," answered a man from the show-me State.

Florida brought prolonged cheers with its delegation of one bearing the post flag. So did Delaware with its two marchers, each bearing a flag. Arizona was represented by four marching abreast, and what it lacked in numbers was more than made up for in the enthusiasm which was evoked by one of its bent and limping representatives. He wore a blue sailor cap, cocked at an angle of 45 degrees, which bore the name of the old Federal gunboat *Vindicator*. He had been a member of its crew.

#### KANSAS SUNFLOWERS APLENTY.

Kansas was the recipient of heaps of praise. Her delegation of 160 marched in perfect formation, each marcher wearing a gorgeous sunflower. Pennsylvania stood out prominently as her delegation of 150 went by, nearly every one wearing the old blue visored fatigue cap which took them through the campaigns of '61 and '65.

It was a parade that made one's throat uncomfortably lumpy at times.

"I believe we could give the Huns a pretty good run for their money yet if they'd come out in the open and fight," shouted a Nebraskan in reply to a question as to how he felt.

## FIFE AND DRUM CORPS NOISY.

The various fife and drum corps played all the old tunes—the tunes that took the blue-clad men from Bull Run to Appomatox. "John Brown's Body," "Marching Through Georgia," and others were played with a martial lilt that made one's hair bristle.

It was a Grand Army parade, but it carried a significance for the entire Union. The fifers and buglers and drummers wiped out sectional lines by wafting "Dixie" to the breeze close on the heels of "Yankee Doodle." The South Dakota delegation were the musicians par excellence of the day. "Lassie, Art Thou Sleeping Yet?" "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "The Village Quick Step," and "Old '76" came from them with a "pep" that brought waving of hats and clapping of hands.

A fife and drum corps or a regular band divided the different departments. The first and second provisional regiment bands from Vancouver Barracks were in the forefront. Other bands which kept the air alive with music were: Rosarians, Multnomah Guard, Brown's, Junior Artisans, and Cioffi's.

The parade was particularly impressive when the old fighters swung past the reviewing stand at Fifth and Morrison. As the former unionists stepped by four abreast, they bared their heads, flags were dipped, and many, carrying canes as they formerly shouldered guns, brought them across their breasts with military precision.

On the stand was Commander in Chief Somers, 9 of the 13 living past commanders, and Somers's aids and members of the headquarters staff. But not all the seats were occupied. Fully a score of the men entitled to the position of honor preferred to march with their comrades—and did so. On the stand with the commander was Mayor Baker, representing the city; Gen. Beebe, chairman of the executive committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Col. Brice P. Disque, head of the spruce division, United States Army.

The parade went off without a hitch. Along the mile-round route emergency physicians were stationed ready to care for any marcher who might fall—but with the exception of one old fellow who stumbled, none did.

## WEATHER MAN NO SLACKER.

In short there was no incident to mar the impressive affair. The weather was perfect; the crowd easily handled, and all arrangements complete. Col. Hosley, chief of staff, was in full charge of the parade and W. J. Hofmann, in charge of arrangements.

The Boy Scouts did splendid service. Scores of them supplied drinking water to the veterans from canteens.

The policing arrangements were excellent. On each block there were four members of the Oregon military police on duty, and at the intersections from two to four policemen. Lieut. Campbell had charge of the military police.

Every member of the company of police which headed the parade to-day was either a Spanish War veteran or the son of a Civil War veteran. Capt. L. A. Harms, who is a son of a veteran and a Spanish-American War veteran, headed the police squad.

The parade formed at Market and Park Streets with a squad of motorcycle police at its head. Twenty veterans of the Spanish-American War and sons of Civil War veterans, all members of the police force, came next. Following them Chief of Police Johnson and Inspector Clark rode in a car. Behind these were Commander in Chief Somers, other national officers, the executive committee, and past commanders.

Illinois, by right of priority of charter, led the departments with 600 marchers. Other departments followed in the order named:

Wisconsin, George D. Breed, commander, 400; Pennsylvania, J. D. Hicks, commander, 150; Ohio, Dan M. Hall, commander, 250; New York, Lewis S. Pilcher, commander, 150; Connecticut, Christian Quien, commander, 20; Massachusetts, Edwin M. Stanley, commander, 50; New Jersey, George E. Boyd, commander, 20; Maine, Fred A. Motley, commander, 20; California and Nevada, John H. Roberts, commander, 200; Rhode Island, Murdock C. McKenzie, commander, 20; New Hampshire, Eugene Wason, commander, 20; Vermont, C. T. S. Pierce, commander, 20; Department of Potomac, Samuel G. Mawson, commander, 10; Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber, commander, 16; Maryland, E. Walter Giles, commander, 10; Nebraska, Joseph S. Hoagland, commander, 200; Michigan, David S. Howard,



commander, 125; Iowa, E. J. C. Bealer, commander, 300; Indiana, Alonzo A. Murphy, commander, 200; Colorado and Wyoming, Asa Curl, commander, 100; Kansas, W. W. Smith, commander, 160; Delaware, Orrin J. Cook, commander, 2; Minnesota, Edwin F. Kenrick, commander, 120; Missouri, Phil F. Coghlan, commander, 100; Kentucky, T. A. Casey, commander, 15; West Virginia, W. T. Cox, commander, 10; South Dakota, James S. Sebree, commander, 50; Washington and Alaska, S. F. Street, commander, 500; Arkansas, Horace Wyman, commander, 17; New Mexico, John W. Terry, commander, 10; Utah, J. C. A. Warfield, commander, 20; Tennessee, W. F. Roberts, commander, 5; Florida, H. B. Jeffries, commander, 1; Montana, John Marchlon, commander, 50; Texas, Anson Miller, commander, 10; Idaho, F. T. Page, commander, 100; Arizona, Henry H. Farrington, commander, 4; Georgia and South Carolina, W. P. Randall, commander, 12; North Dakota, John W. Carroll, commander, 30; Oklahoma, F. E. Hills, commander, 36; Oregon, T. H. Stevens, commander, 500.

Automobiles brought up the rear with comrades too disabled to march.

[Journal, Aug. 20, 1918.]

Their heads held as high and their spirits as unbroken as when they marched in the last grand review up Pennsylvania Avenue in the National Capital 53 years ago, veterans of the Civil War, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, 5,000 of them, tramped through the streets of Portland this morning in the annual parade of the grand encampment. Fifteen hundred followed in automobiles.

Not a man fell out of line; not one of these boys of '65 weakened; not one faltered in his step.

Despite the fact that it is midsummer and that in other cities torrid temperatures in former years have caused these men to droop when they were years younger, beneath the Oregon sun and fanned by the Oregon breeze they kept their places in line from start to finish.

Red Cross automobiles were useless precautions, the emergency ambulance at police headquarters was uncalled for, and the nurses were idle.

The veterans marched with as determined step and unconquerable heart as they did half a century ago.

To-day's parade was probably unique in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in having been absolutely free from accident or mishap.

Hundreds, thousands, could not repress their spirits, and they kept time to the music and dozens of them danced as they went through the streets.

And Portland paid tribute. Men uncovered as the veterans went by. Women sang with the boys of '65 and cheered. Young soldiers in uniform came to salute. As the parade marched down Broadway it was greeted with applause that grew to be a veritable tumult as the down-town crossings were passed, and a renewed cheer of increased strength marked the advent of every State delegation.

Some marched in the uniforms of other days, the light-blue trousers and dark-blue coats, the fatigue caps and other insignia of a soldier of half a century ago. Others wore their Grand Army of the Republic uniforms, with the black hats and gold cord. Some had no uniforms, but marched in civilian clothes. And all alike were greeted as men who had saved the Nation. The men were recognized.

#### NOT ONE FALLS OUT.

They walked four abreast. For nearly two hours that stream of men who fought more than 50 years ago as the boys are fighting to-day, for freedom and liberty, marched through the streets. None fell out. They started with the determination with which they entered the war in 1861, and they finished as successfully.

They sang as they marched. Their fife and drum corps played "Marching Through Georgia," "Dixie," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and the other airs of days gone by. They danced to show they still are young, and when the line came to rest for a moment they couldn't keep their feet still. The boys of '65 were boys again. They cheered and waved their hats, shouted to the spectators thronging the walks, and exchanged jokes.

#### 600 OREGON MEN IN LINE.

Their banners were carried proudly. Flags of State and department encampments headed the State delegations, and from the 600 Oregon men in line

to the two from Tennessee and two from Delaware, they marched with their organizations.

The motorcycle squad, the platoon of police, the bands, the local officials, all were incidental. The interest of the seething mass of humanity that lined the streets was centered in the boys in blue and tens of thousands on the sidewalks, in windows, and on tops of buildings witnessed the event which Portland never will forget.

Years are thinning the ranks of the G. A. R., but the men who marched bore testimony that it will be many years before the last shall have gone.

Following the men on foot came those in automobiles. Three hundred cars bore the soldiers of Lincoln's day whose bodies were not equal to their spirits and who would not be denied the parade, although they could not walk. Fifteen hundred thus followed the 5,000 on foot. There were no less than 6,500 men of Grant's armies who passed in review in Portland to-day.

#### STATE FLOWERS ARE WORN.

The Oregon fife and drum corps, 50 strong, followed the color bearers, who rode with the flags of the national encampment and Commander in Chief Orlando Somers. Then came the State and department delegations, marching four abreast, their badges and banners and State flowers designating their organizations.

Illinois, because of seniority in the organization, was given the place of honor in the line. Two hundred men from that State marched behind their colors. They were cheered vociferously because they were first, but no heartier applause was given them than the men who followed.

Wisconsin, headed by a fife and drum corps, a score of grizzled veterans, came next, one of them with the uniform he wore in the fight for freedom.

Pennsylvania made a splendid showing. Nearly every man was in the dark-blue uniform of the G. A. R., his coat unbuttoned showing the immaculate white vests beneath, fatigue caps on their heads.

Ohio, 250 strong, followed a bugler who sounded from time to time the calls that spurred the men against their brothers in the dark days of the rebellion.

New York, with 119 in line, followed her southern sister. Connecticut came next with 25 veterans. Massachusetts had half a hundred and New Jersey's delegation numbered 40.

#### THREE FROM RHODE ISLAND.

There were but three from Rhode Island, clad in dark-blue coats, white trousers, and fatigue caps.

The Department of California and Nevada had brought 350 to march in the grand parade, and they rivaled the spectators in their cheering.

Vermont had 25 men in line and the Department of the Potomac, Washington, D. C., had as many. Maryland had a dozen.

Nebraska turned out bravely with 250 marching behind her standard, nearly every one of the men carrying flags.

Michigan had a bugler and a hundred men followed the colors borne on each side of him. Iowa was represented with 250 veterans, and Indiana had nearly 200 in line.

Colorado and Wyoming marched together, behind the Denver drum corps, with 100 men from the two States.

#### KANSANS ALL CARRY SUNFLOWERS.

Kansas, 225 strong, came next and nearly everyone from that State wore a sunflower, some big, some small, some artificial, some real, but all sunflowers from the buttonhole miniatures made by their wives to the great flower brought from Wichita, 14 inches across.

Delaware had but 2 men, but they bore their banner proudly. Minnesota had more than 150, and a fife and drum corps that kept things lively. Missouri had a hundred veterans present, Kentucky had a score, West Virginia 8.

South Dakota had a fife and drum corps, behind which marched 50 men.

Washington and Alaska, with a fife and drum corps playing "Dixie," brought 350 soldiers of bygone days to the encampment.

Arkansas had two dozen, New Mexico had 8. Utah brought a score, and Tennessee had but 2. Florida had sent 5 men clear across the continent. Montana, closer to the coast, had 50 in line. The Lone Star of Texas was borne aloft by 7.

## GREATEST PORTLAND EVER WITNESSED.

Idaho was represented by more than a hundred. Arizona had 4 veterans, one a sailor in the uniform of Farragut's day. Georgia and South Carolina had 7 men, Alabama 4. North Dakota had sent 30, and Oklahoma 50.

Last came Oregon. And Oregon was cheered, because Oregon is the home State. Not that the others were cheered less, but Oregon was cheered more. Five hundred and fifty men were behind the Oregon standard; in uniform, in civilian clothes, they brought up the rear of the greatest march Portland ever has witnessed.

Came then the men in automobiles. Older men, for the most part, weaker in body but not in mind, undaunted to-day as they were on yesterday, they rode behind their stronger fellows, acknowledging the cheers of the thousands.

In automobiles, too, were the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., several hundred of them, who had accompanied their husbands or who had come in memory of those who have gone before.

There were bands, a score of them, playing the old tunes, to which the crowds and the veterans themselves responded by joining in with the words.

And the veterans of more recent days, the Spanish-American soldiers of 20 years ago, hundreds of them, marched in the line with firmer step, but with no greater pride than the men who had fought so many years before them.

## VETERANS DIDN'T TIRE.

Every precaution had been made for the comfort of the soldiers, to care for them if they weakened, but there were few who needed such attention. Red Cross automobiles were omnipresent. Boy Scouts with canteens ran everywhere, quenching the thirst of many a veteran who might otherwise have shown fatigue. Cars were ready in which they could ride, should they tire.

But they didn't tire. They sang, they laughed, they danced. Some of them executed hornpipes for the amusement of the crowds and many a jig was stepped to remind the people they still are boys, though boys of age.

Marching in the parade were several negroes, beside the men who fought for their liberty. Bent with age, their kinked hair whitened by the years, they walked beside the others, who linked arms with them or affectionately placed a hand upon their shoulders.

One old veteran carried a camp stool for emergency, but he threw it away before the parade was half its distance.

## WEARS UNIFORMS OF WAR DAYS.

The parade was full of the picturesque. There was the zouave with his red, black tasseled fez, his light blue baggy trousers, and his dark blue coat, carrying the knapsack and blanket roll he had when he marched with the famous armies of the Union. There was the veteran with the old Army overcoat, cape and all, just as he wore it when he stood guard on many a cold night below the Mason and Dixon line. There was Commodore Hardy, known to all the Northwest, the "ancient mariner" who fought in Mobile Bay and sailed with Perry to Japan.

There were representatives of nearly every State in their State division. Some hundreds marched without organization, but most of them, even down to twos, marched behind the banner of the State in which they live or that from which they went to war.

## PARADE TWO HOURS IN PASSING.

For two hours that line of men who broke the Rebellion, who saved the Nation from disruption, who kept the faith of America with the world and with herself, marched. Parades there have been in Portland with military aspect, with soldiers in uniform, the soldiers of to-day, but no grander pageant of men, of soldiers, ever has been witnessed anywhere. Never has there been a scene more moving, more appealing, more patriotic, than these thousands of men who fought for the future generations in years long past.

And to these thousands of men Portland paid full tribute.

[Morning Oregonian, Aug. 21, 1918.]

Through a patch of sunlight in the park a flag slanted and shone. Then another and yet another, until the shady avenues were bright with the stainless

colors. Old fighting tunes, that have thrust shouting men into the forefront of battle, sprang from the drums and the whistling fifes.

In such manner, yesterday morning, was given to Portland the privilege of witnessing a rally that summoned some thousands of gallant gentlemen from every State in their Union—to march in the parade review of the Grand Army of the Republic. Shuffle or limp or tread, the feet that sought step to the tunes once knew each battle field of the Civil War. Marching again together, with America sworn to a new crusade for freedom, they were cheered thunderously.

Six thousand veterans at least, they passed through the deep lanes of spectators, targets of flowers, and praise. The blue lines sagged and swayed, but every head was high and smiling and the Grand Army called to its friends with the badinage of old camps and old campaigns.

#### PARADE IS TRIUMPHAL MARCH.

Fit for Berlin they said they were, again and again, and the crowd never failed to answer that all men are aware of it. But back of the boast was the memory of bayonets that glittered as keenly as any, and the joke was but half a jest, at that. Triumphal is a weak word to qualify their progress through the city—for not even the day when the boys come back from France will transcend the tribute of yesterday.

In ranks of four the State departments of the Grand Army marched behind their colors. Bands played them on with patriotic tunes, but the veterans themselves did not lack for the music that used to be. Drummers and fifers led numerous divisions, gray beards shaking to the vehemence of airs that were strange to the crowds.

Of all these marching songs of the old war, none save "The Girl I Left Behind Me" could be caught by the listeners who lined the streets. But the veterans knew them for the same that shortened their marches more than half a century ago—"The Virginia Quickstep," "On the Road to Boston," and "Lassie, Art Thou Sleeping Yet?"

#### MANY SINGLED OUT FOR CHEERS.

There were many in the grand review that found themselves singled out for special applause, though their line of march was one long salute for all. For here and there marched one whose sleeve swung empty, and there another whose step was stiff with a makeshift limb or an old wound, and one who wore the blue of a gunner's mate. Colored troopers who fought for the Union and their own freedom, and who could tell how a shackle is fastened, held their heads proudly as they heard the cheers.

As they marched the comrades not infrequently caught up the tunes their bands were playing. They sang of John Brown, who gave his life for freedom, and a certain bit about Sherman's march—the finest of all fighting songs. Their voices did not lift with the resonance of regiments off for the front, but thinly and with a quaver that caught at the heart of their hearers.

Not a straggler fell from the line of march. The cool, clean morning sunshine dealt kindly with them, and they finished fresh without a single mishap, cheating the preparations that had been made to care for the instances of fatigue that have always been inseparable from Grand Army parades in these later years.

#### EVERY STATE CHEERED.

To every State, as its own colors swept past with the companion gleam of Old Glory, the crowd gave its own cheer, as lustily for the units of several comrades as for the ranks that marched in hundreds. In those who had met to pay them tribute all commonwealths of the Union were represented, and all were one.

From Florida came a single comrade, W. H. Crosier. He stepped it off alone, with the formation placard lifted as his banner—sans colors, sans comrades, sans drum corps, but with a proper pride. His was a Vermont regiment, and by the arrangement of the parade he marched not with his old comrades, but for his present post and State.

And Delaware carried its banners and its distinction with but two veterans of the three who are at the encampment. They were O. J. Cook and J. S. Litzenberg, and they looked not at all lonely, for even as Florida they were singled out for individual applause.



Though many wore the Grand Army regulation uniform, not a few had decked it with insignia that were famous in the old days, and several marched in the weathered and time-frayed garb that Union soldiers donned when Lincoln called for men.

#### OLD CAP WORN DURING FRAY.

Above the visor of a wilted, venerable, forage cap ran the bright metal lettering of the Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers—the same cap that its wearer had from the quartermaster when he asked for another go at the Confederacy.

Cavalierly thrown around the Grand Army hats and forage caps in a score of instances were plumes of fur. Again the crowd was stumped; but those who asked the veterans themselves learned that the plume was the insignia of one of the most dreaded sharpshooter regiments of the war—the Pennsylvania Bucktails.

George A. Hosley, chief of staff, who led the parade on a black charger, dismounted later and joined the seven naval veterans who were in the line of march. Col. Hosley himself served with the Union fleets throughout the war, and his comrades in the parade were all veterans of the gunboat and ram squadrons.

Boy Scouts kept pace with the line of march, carrying canteens and drinking cups for the refreshment of the comrades, and at each halt the cups were filled and passed to the thirsty marchers, who paid with a smile that meant much to boys who have read their history.

At the reviewing stand on the Morrison frontage of Post Office Square the lines saluted Commander in Chief Somers and his staff. With the commander were Mayor Baker, Gen. Beebe, Col. Brice P. Disque, and officials of the several auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army. The grand stand itself had been reserved for comrades not in the line of march and for auxiliary delegates. It was thronged with visitors, many of them the wives of men who passed in the blue ranks.

#### WOMEN GET INTO LINE.

Not once but often some grandmother ran from the lines of spectators to catch at the sleeve of her marching husband and to finish with him the progress of the parade. Mere incidents in a spectacle that was all interest and thrill, these never failed to set the watchers cheering.

Then, at the very close of the long line, came the automobiles in which rode veterans unable to join the march. For these the spectators had a welcome even more intense than all that had preceded. With many more automobiles generously volunteered but not needed, 241 cars carried the disabled veterans. An estimate of five to each car places their number at more than 1,000.

In general charge of the parade, which left Park and Market Streets at 10.30, were Col. George A. Hosley, chief of staff of the Grand Army, and W. J. Hoffmann, chairman of the parade committee, who supervised all preparations and assigned to duty the Royal Rosarians, who acted as escorts for each division.

#### REVIEW LARGER THAN EXPECTED.

Officials of the Grand Army and many other veterans were enthusiastic in their comments on the success of the review, which they declared to have been much larger than was expected. The course of the parade was approximately 1 mile, disbanding at Fifth and Taylor Streets.

Department stores and other business houses closed during the parade, while employees lined the windows and fire escapes to cheer the marching veterans. An estimate of the number of spectators along the line of march could not be made, but the number is believed to surpass any previous assembly in the history of the city.

Every veteran who participated displayed a degree of endurance that was remarkable. Not a single old soldier fell from the ranks; not one was overcome by exertion or excitement of the occasion. As a precautionary measure, the police department and the ambulance service company were in readiness to respond, but there was not a single call for first aid.

"This was the finest weather we have ever had for a parade," said one of the gray-haired visitors. "It was an ideal day, the kind few of us see at this time of the year. The Oregon climate has been kind to the G. A. R."

## NINE THOUSAND VETERANS HERE.

Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general of the Grand Army, said last night that the parade greatly exceeded expectations, and was a splendid showing when it is considered that the encampment is being held on the Pacific coast, while many of the larger posts are situated in the East. Basing an estimate of the entire attendance upon the parade the quartermaster general affirmed his belief that fully half as many comrades were not in line and that the veteran attendance is not far from 9,000.

[Morning Oregonian, Aug. 21, 1918, editorial.]

## COMRADES ALL.

Fifty-three years after the Civil War ended 5,000 veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic marched through the streets of Portland at their annual reunion. Old men now, they were young in years, high in spirit, and strong in body then, when they responded to their country's call. Time has dealt gently with many, but has left its indelible marks on others.

It was impossible not to recall the days when, with fife playing, drum pounding, and banners flying, they marched away. So they would go again, every one of them, if the need arose. But fighting is for the new generation and counsel and reminiscence for the passing. Now they will stay behind and encourage their sons abroad in the Nation's service by the memory of deeds done and the fact of physical and financial support loyally and ungrudgingly given.

It was an occasion for joy, not for tears; yet many faces were wet with the trickling emblems of sheer emotion as the grand review went on. But no veteran gave way to any sentiment except pleasure at being with his comrades again.

It was a great spectacle, a memorable and wonderful event. It can not occur again here, and must go into the record as a red-letter day in the annals of Portland and Oregon. It could not have been bettered, except in one particular.

The days of their service under fire are over, but the Grand Army is none the less America's army. It should be always on such occasions a uniformed army. Let us not inquire into the reasons why many of the old soldiers appeared on parade in civilian clothes; but let us say that in sheer gratitude to these brave and true men Congress should provide a uniform for every one of them and require that it be worn at least during the week of the annual encampment.

[Telegram, Aug. 21, 1918, editorial.]

## A MEMORABLE PARADE.

Fifty-three years after Appomattox, the people of Portland yesterday saw on parade several thousand survivors of the great struggle for the Union. As they marched through the streets they presented the most impressive spectacle ever seen in Oregon, and they received the plaudits they have earned. Few of the vast throngs which lined the route of march ever beheld the like, few will ever behold it again, and none in the same circumstances. For the first time in their lives a multitude of our citizens saw in the flesh and in the spirit a remnant of the Grand Army which saved the Union.

The heart of America and its best blood were in the parade. It embraced men from every one of the 48 States—men of every shade of political and religious belief, men in every walk of life, and every man 100 per cent American! What a proud host passed by! How these old men must have rejoiced to think that they could still hold their heads erect and keep step to the drumbeat! They heard the continuous cheering from the sidewalks, but they must also have felt the warm emotion which their presence had aroused among those whose gaze was fixed upon them. Honors such as were paid in Portland yesterday are not new to these veterans, but never since they returned to civil life has the spirit of patriotism run so high as it is running now. In this strong spirit the latest honors were paid.

The parade will always be a treasured memory. It may fade from the minds of the aged who saw it, but never from the young. Years hence a new generation may see in Portland a new national or international encampment of a new Grand Army of the World, but those who succeed us can not forget the living presence and the inspiration of the Grand Army of the Republic.



**NATIONAL COUNCIL *and*  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE RE- PUBLIC.

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HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1917, AT 3.15 O'CLOCK P. M. IN NATIONAL  
HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL VENDOME, BOSTON, MASS.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF: The roll will be called.

The roll was called and the following comrades reported present:

Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.

Adj. Gen. Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade F. G. Sheppard, of Alabama.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade Harry L. Beach, of Connecticut.

Comrade C. J. Hitch, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.

Comrade David Taylor, of Kansas.

Comrade Americus Whedon, of Kentucky.

Comrade Edward H. Haskell, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence, of Michigan.

Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.

Comrade John M. Williams, of Missouri.

Comrade Alfred Atkins, of New Jersey.

Comrade George A. Price, of New York.

Comrade Charles M. Rawlings, of Oklahoma.

Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Newton Hacker, of Tennessee.

Comrade H. W. House, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade H. W. House, of Portsmouth, Va., reported as being the member from Virginia and North Carolina, although the roll showed Comrade W. S. Wilson, of National Soldiers' Home, Va., as having been elected. Correspondence has shown that Comrade Wilson was elected a member of the national council of administration and that Comrade House had been chosen by his department to represent it on the committee on resolutions.

The following members of the national council of administration were absent from the meeting:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John L. Clem, Atlanta, Ga.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon, Chicago, Ill.

Surg. Gen. John M. Adams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chaplain in Chief C. H. Frady, Helena, Mont.

Comrade E. S. Godfrey, of Arizona.

Comrade Wm. H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade H. M. Minor, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade James Agnew, of Delaware.

Comrade E. S. Upham, of Florida.

Comrade C. F. Drake, of Idaho.

Comrade William A. Kelsey, of Indiana.

Comrade W. B. Barrett, of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Comrade Charles E. Nason, of Maine.

Comrade W. H. Moffett, of Maryland.

Comrade George H. Taylor, of Montana.

Comrade C. E. Adams, of Nebraska.

Comrade Isaac M. Savage, of New Hampshire.

Comrade F. E. Olney, of New Mexico.

Comrade Joseph E. Palmer, of North Dakota.

Comrade J. K. P. Ferrell, of Ohio.

Comrade Wm. M. Hendershot, of Oregon.

Comrade Charles Loeffler, of Potomac.

Comrade T. C. De Jean, of South Dakota.

Comrade Martin Ballweg, of Texas.

Comrade Seymour B. Young, of Utah.

Comrade James M. Tracy, of Vermont.

Comrade W. S. Wilson, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade E. A. Shores, of Washington and Alaska.

Comrade Smith Risinger, of West Virginia.

Comrade D. G. James, of Wisconsin.

Comrade J. W. WILLETT, of Iowa. The first important matter that comes before this council is to decide what shall constitute the executive committee of the council, and I offer the same resolution that was passed last year:

*Resolved*, That the executive committee of the council of administration shall consist of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the council of administration.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. I move the adoption of the resolution.

(The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.)

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Usually we provide next for the sinews of war. That is to say, we do not pay the commander in chief any salary, but we do provide for his traveling expenses, and I take it that the resolution that was adopted at the preceding encampment will be in accord with the situation at this time.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. This is the substance of what was passed last year:

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,200, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay actual traveling expenses; that the salary of the adjutant general be fixed at \$1,200 per year; that the salary of the quartermaster general be fixed at \$400 per year; that the bond of the adjutant general be fixed in the sum of \$1,000, and the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of \$5,000, to be executed by surety companies and the expense thereof to be borne by the national encampment; and that the salary of the custodian of records be fixed at \$300 for the ensuing year.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. Move the adoption of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would like to ask a question—it may seem a little personal—whether the traveling expense now is any

greater than it has been for previous years, by reason of the high cost of living.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. No, sir.

Comrade HACKER, of Tennessee. I was thinking about that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been seconded. The motion is before the house.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I was waiting patiently to see if there was anything said on that subject. The motion is to adopt, but there is one point I would like to bring up. Heretofore when we have gone to the Pacific coast the amount of the traveling expense—that is, the appropriation subject to the order of the commander in chief—has been somewhat increased. It was at San Francisco, both trips. It was at Los Angeles. It might be well to separate that. It might be well to leave it optional with the commander in chief, with a limit of \$1,500. You can not tell exactly what he may be called upon to do.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Comrade Stowits, if I may be permitted, I will move to substitute \$1,500 in this resolution for the expense bill of the commander in chief.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Comrade WILT. That is the way it reads.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I think that would be fair, comrades.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. May I inquire what it has been?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Twelve hundred.

Comrade WILLIAMS. How much of that was expended?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. All of it.

Comrade WILLIAMS. Was it enough?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, it was, last year.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Gentlemen, you have heard the amendment. All favoring the amendment will make it known by saying aye; opposed, no. Carried. The question is now on the motion as amended, making it \$1,500. Are you ready for the question? All favoring it make it known by saying aye; those opposed, no. The motion is carried.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That brings up the question now of the secretary. That is the only question.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. The next matter for our consideration, Commander in Chief and comrades, is the compensation of the secretary. Last year, as I recall it now, we paid her a hundred dollars a month, and in view of the high cost of living that is deemed scarcely enough. In other words, it ought to be increased somewhat, and in my opinion we should add at least \$25 a month to her salary. While I am on my feet I want to call attention to the fact that the employment of this estimable lady and efficient officer has been in times past questioned on the floor of the national encampment, and we have been told that a stenographer could be procured for half of what we had been paying. But this lady is not merely a stenographer; she is the custodian of information.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. She is the designated secretary of the commander in chief.

Comrade WILLETT. She understands the business, and the business of the office of the commander in chief, and the commander in chief is inducted into this office without any preparation whatever. That is, you will pardon me, what I mean is, without any preparation as regards the details of the duties that you have to perform, and the

amount of correspondence which goes direct to him and is not referred to the adjutant general or the assistant adjutants general. She knows the comrades all over the United States and is more familiar with their peculiarities and with who they are and all, what should be done and how to do it, than any other person, that we have at headquarters, barring none. I won't even except Comrade Stowits because that is detail that he pays no particular attention to. Now, then, we thrashed this out a year ago and three years ago and we concluded that she should have a salary of \$100 a month. Now I understand that the salary of \$100 a month was barely enough for subsistence in view of what her necessities required. In other words, it left no opportunity for her to save a penny out of her compensation, as it were, and some of us who know of the work of this secretary are of the opinion that her salary ought to be increased at least \$25 a month, making her salary for the current year \$1,500 instead of \$1,200.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. Does it take all her time?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, day and night.

Comrade WILLETT. Every minute of her time. I make it as a motion that her salary be fixed at \$1,500 for the current year.

Comrade LAWRENCE, of Michigan. I second that motion, and in so doing—just the statement made by my comrade—I don't know whom the commander in chief is going to appoint for secretary. I hope no motion will be so framed that it will sound as though this council is going to tell him whom he shall appoint. I think that is up to him. But in the event that Miss Flood should be appointed, or any other girl who is equally as good whom the commander in chief may appoint, under the circumstances of the high cost of living, she must dress fairly well, I do not see how a girl can save anything out of \$1,200. I do not think the Grand Army of the Republic wants any comrade's daughter to do our work for less than living expenses, and I heartily approve of and support the \$1,500 proposition.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Comrades, I am like the comrade from Michigan. I think that there sits the man [indicating the commander in chief] who will be responsible for the conduct of the business of the Grany Army for the coming year. I believe he has got a good head on him and knows what he wants to do, but I am going to say to you comrades, that I don't believe that you can get a competent secretary to do the work for any less than \$1,500. I will read the resolution adopted last year.

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief is hereby authorized to employ a secretary at national headquarters at such price as he may deem necessary, after consulting the record of cost heretofore attached to that position.

Now I will add this:

"in a sum not exceeding \$1,500."

Comrade LAWRENCE. I will accept that.

Comrade WILLETT. I accept the resolution offered with the addition, "not to exceed \$1,500," as a substitute for my motion.

Comrade ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. I dare say that there is not a member of the council of administration who will vote against that resolution. We are members of this great organization and we certainly have money enough to pay our secretary, and if you rich folks here in the North haven't money enough or patriotism enough in



your hearts to pay your secretary for the next year, come down to Arkansas and we will make it up. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, it is usually people who do not know the amount of work and responsibility that attaches to the secretary's office who say that this is an extravagant sum. Some of our comrades who should be pretty fairly well acquainted with the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic say so. It is the judgment of those who, I believe, are acquainted with it in its present condition, that this salary should be increased. It has been suggested that that be left to the commander in chief. The commander in chief has other duties he is willing to assume, but he is glad to have the amount fixed which shall be subject to expenditure, and I am going to have the roll called and ascertain the feeling of each department. Every man has a right to his own views and to the expression of them, and he will be held responsible for his acts here to-day and he will be willing to be held to them. The reporter will call the roll and you will respond by "aye" or "no."

Whereupon the roll of the members present was called with the following result:

*Alabama.*—Comrade SHEPPARD. We are in favor of the resolution.

*Arkansas.*—Comrade ALTENBERG. Aye.

*Connecticut.*—Comrade BEACH. Aye.

*Georgia and South Carolina.*—Comrade HITCH. I vote for the resolution.

*Illinois.*—Comrade INMAN. Aye.

*Iowa.*—Comrade WILLETT. Aye.

*Kansas.*—Comrade TAYLOR. Yes.

*Kentucky.*—Comrade WHEDON. Favorable.

*Massachusetts.*—Comrade HASKELL. Yes.

*Michigan.*—Comrade LAWRENCE. Aye.

*Minnesota.*—Comrade WOODWARD. Aye.

*Missouri.*—Comrade WILLIAMS. Aye.

*New Jersey.*—Comrade ATKINS. Aye.

*New York.*—Comrade PRICE. Aye.

*Oklahoma.*—Comrade RAWLINGS. Aye.

*Pennsylvania.*—Comrade WILT. Yes, real strong.

*Rhode Island.*—Comrade MEDBERY. Aye.

*Tennessee.*—Comrade HACKER. I vote aye.

The REPORTER. The result is 18 votes in favor of the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let the record show the number of votes cast. I announce that the resolution is carried without a dissenting voice.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, there is one other matter. Comrade Stowits will know whether it is desired to bring that matter before the council or not. That is the printing and distribution of the journal.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Yes, I would raise the question. Let's see what the sentiment is. As you know, for the last two years the Government of the United States has printed the journal of the encampment. This year there has been some complaint, owing to the fact that they could not get the Journal out as early as many of the comrades would like to have it. There has been a question raised as to whether or not we should not print this Journal ourselves and

pay for it, as we did in former years. The Journal used to cost us about \$1,200 or, in other words, about a dollar a volume, to get it out. By having the Government Printing Bureau produce this Journal we save about \$900 a year; a little over.

The question arises, as Comrade Willett has said, whether or no we shall continue this, and I will put myself on record as saying yes. For this reason: If we can get the minutes of this encampment prior to November 1, or by November 1, we can get it before the House, don't you see, at the opening of the new session in December, and by doing that and getting it in early, with the assistance of George H. Carter, the clerk of the Joint Committee on Printing, we will get that journal out next year before the 1st day of April, and therefore I say that I hope we will continue to allow having it printed by the Government Printing Office.

There is another point, Comrade Willett. This thing has been in existence for three years. We want to make that thing permanent, so we will not be obliged to go before the House every year. We want it done just as they do it for the Daughters of the American Revolution; make that a stable thing, and that they will print the journal each and every year. And that part of this question I trust will be referred to the committee on legislation to see that a bill is offered to the next Congress in December that this journal be permanent.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. Make it a continuing appropriation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there a motion before the house?

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. I move you, commander in chief, that the printing of the journal be continued as heretofore and referred to the committee on legislation for the purpose of having a continuing appropriation.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. There is one other matter, and that is the editing of the journal. I would like to hear from Comrade Stowits on that proposition. It has been customary, as I understand it, to have the outgoing adjutant general edit it, and to pay him a reasonable compensation therefor.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That has been the usual custom, and the appropriation for that purpose has generally been made \$200. I, as quartermaster general, do not care to make that motion. I would ask Comrade Wilt or Comrade Willett to make that motion. I think \$200 is a fair compensation for editing the journal.

Comrade WILT, of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief, I will move that the editing of the journal for the past year be done by the retiring adjutant general, and he be paid \$200 for his work.

Which motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, there is another question that has not been discussed during the last two years, I believe—maybe for a greater length of time. When the headquarters went to Iowa they were given space in the statehouse where they had ample room. When it went to Pittsburgh it went into their great memorial hall without expense. When it comes to Indianapolis we are not so favored. Our statehouse, which was thought to be ample for all time, is so crowded with new organizations and commissions

that there will be no room for the Grand Army of the Republic. We will be compelled to pay rent.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. How much?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is pretty difficult to say. You, who are better acquainted with the required space for the adjutant general's office, would probably have a better idea.

Comrade TAYLOR, of Kansas. I move that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, and the executive committee that may be appointed, and the commander in chief by their advice will furnish a place, and that this committee will vote the money necessary to maintain that place during the whole year. I make that as a motion.

Comrade ATKINS, of New Jersey. Make the amount not to exceed \$500.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I beg your pardon. With all due deference, I would suggest that we amend that motion by turning the subject matter all over to the commander in chief, with a limit of \$500.

Comrade TAYLOR. Don't put a limit. Let him alone. Don't tie your commander's hands down.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Just leave it to the commander in chief.

Comrade TAYLOR. That is what I want to do. I want the commander in chief to be clothed with the power to do business. I don't want him to be hampered in any way. He is competent and he is honest.

Comrade HASKELL, of Massachusetts. I understand the comrade's remarks ended with a motion to refer the whole matter to the commander in chief with authority to act. I second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All who favor it will say "aye." Opposed, "no." Carried. I will say that the commander in chief will be as economical as the people who have the best interests of the Grand Army at heart could desire.

Comrade ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. Where will the headquarters be for the next 12 months?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Headquarters will be at Indianapolis and will be in the State Life Building. Some one wanted to know why they might not be at Kokomo, because Kokomo is about the best place on earth. Indianapolis has better railroad facilities. I am of the opinion that there is no city in any State that is too great to be the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Indianapolis is a great city.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. How far from Kokomo?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Fifty-five miles. I assure you if I wanted to save expenses for myself and had nothing else in view it would have been in Kokomo. But I have chosen the city of Indianapolis because when you gentlemen have occasion to pass through and stop at headquarters you will find one of the liveliest cities in the United States of America, and if you desire to stop off at headquarters, you will find, I think, headquarters that will be satisfactory.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would move that the compensation for reporting the proceedings of the encampment be \$200. That is the sum that we have heretofore paid.

Comrade WILLETT, of Iowa. Does that include transcript?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Transcript, three copies.

Comrade WILLETT. I will say that is cheaper than he works for other fellows.

The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any other business?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. There is one thing to remark, that this is the first time that there has not been a "no" vote.

Comrade WILLIAMS, of Missouri. I am a new member. I haven't had any experience here before. We are appropriating considerable money. I would like to know how much money there is on hand. I could not hear any of the reports.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. It is all printed.

Comrade WILLIAMS. Yes, I know. Can you state in round numbers?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. \$36,875 in the permanent fund; \$3,912.52 in the general fund.

Comrade WILLIAMS. We are not bankrupt by any means.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. No, sir. In addition to that, I have \$1,500 in my pocket. Thank God, we have the Woman's Relief Corps. I have \$1,000 here in my pocket from them.

Comrade INMAN, of Illinois. He showed Missouri.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any other matter? Any other remarks?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I move we adjourn subject to call of the commander in chief.

Which motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried; and at 4.15 p. m. the meeting stood adjourned.



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1918, AT 1.30 O'CLOCK P. M., IN THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT THE MULTNOMAH HOTEL, PORTLAND, OREG.

The council of administration met at 1.30 p. m., Monday, August 19, 1918, pursuant to the call of the commander in chief. Those present were:

Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Vernon, Chicago, Ill.  
Adj. Gen. Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Judge Advocate Gen. Smith Stimmel, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.  
Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.  
Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.  
Comrade William A. Kelsey, of Indiana.  
Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.  
Comrade W. H. Moffett, of Maryland.  
Comrade H. A. Chapin, of Michigan.  
Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.  
Comrade C. E. Adams, of Nebraska.  
Comrade Alfred Atkins, of New Jersey.  
Comrade George A. Price, of New York.  
Comrade William M. Hendershot, of Oregon.  
Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.  
Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.  
Comrade S. B. Young, of Utah.  
Comrade E. A. Shores, of Washington and Alaska.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The council will be in order. The secretary will call the roll.

(The roll was called by the shorthand reporter, with the result shown above.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, this is a meeting to hear the reports of officers and to receive any criticisms that may be offered as to the past year. I spoke pretty fully about the past year before the executive committee. The year has been without incident so far as criticism has been concerned, and so far as the business of the encampment is concerned it has been found to be in good condition in all of the departments that I have visited and so far as I could learn in the ones that I was not enabled to visit. The chief incidents of the past year have been the reduction in rates granted us by the Secretary of the Treasury—I believe he has another title—Director of Railroads; and the passage of the pension bill offered by Senator Smoot, of Utah. I know of no complaint except a standing complaint from Kansas which has become a chestnut with the Grand Army of the Republic and which may appear before the encampment. I had hoped that Councilman Taylor would be present and that the matter might be adjusted without going before the encampment. I still have hopes that it will not create any friction in the encampment. I do not know that it is necessary for me to repeat the action taken that I am referring to as coming from Kansas on a case that might be termed the Coney case.

Comrade HENDERSHOT. I would like to know something of it, just a synopsis of the trouble. I may not know anything about it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask my adjutant general, Judge McBride, to make a brief and concise statement of the Coney case as it has appeared and been submitted to the judge advocate general and passed upon by him and had the approval of the commander in chief.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. Something more than 20 years ago Comrade Coney was tried in his post and dishonorably discharged. Afterwards he was reinstated. This last year charges were preferred, based upon the ground that his reinstatement was irregular. There was some technicality. I do not now recall the precise technicality. Those charges were referred to the department commander, and he decided that there was no ground for action against Comrade Coney. I do not know exactly what his theory was, but anyhow he disapproved them. There was an appeal from the action of the department commander to the commander in chief. The commander in chief referred the matter to the judge advocate general. The facts were set out. Comrade Coney, after his reinstatement, had been elected department commander of the Department of Kansas. He had also been recognized from that time as a member of the national encampment. He had twice been appointed to national positions, once as inspector general by one commander in chief, and served as inspector general; again he was appointed judge advocate general by another commander in chief, and served as judge advocate general. During all of these 20-odd years the complainant in this case had kept silent—that is, so far as we know; and the judge advocate general's ruling, in brief, was that under the circumstances, while we have no statute of limitations in the Grand Army of the Republic, the principle of the statute of limitations ought to be applied; and not only that, but that the Department of Kansas, having elected Comrade Coney many years ago as department commander, and having ever since recognized him as a member in good standing, was estopped now to raise that question. He held that the charges should not be considered, and the commander in chief approved of that action. Those who preferred the charges have appealed from that decision to the national encampment.

Comrade HENDERSHOT. They appealed from the decision of the commander in chief?

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. They appealed from the decision of the commander in chief. It will be necessary that the matter be reported to the encampment if the charges are not withdrawn. That will be done, and I suspect that the commander in chief will refer those charges to some committee, possibly to the committee on resolutions. The theory of the decision was this, that while there may have been some irregularity or some technical informality in his reinstatement, during 20-odd years he had been recognized as a member in good standing and had held office, and the matter ought to be dropped.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Do the council have any wish as to how this shall come before the encampment, if it does come before the encampment on the floor of the encampment? I suppose, however, it will be taken up when the committee reports on the judge advocate general's report.

Comrade WILT. Does the judge advocate make a statement of this case—the Coney case—in his report?



The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes, sir; the findings and everything in the case.

Comrade WILT. Then you ought to refer it to the committee on that report.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. The judge advocate general's report will be referred to a committee, and I suspect that the matter of these charges ought to be referred to some committee. My suggestion was that it be referred to the committee on resolutions without debate. I made that suggestion for this reason: Once before in the national encampment, I believe, the question came up as to whether or not the approval of the report of the judge advocate general in a certain case was conclusive as to the appeal. If it is referred either to a special committee or to some one of the standing committees, that would do away with any technical objection. That is, there might be a technical objection that the approval of the judge advocate general's report did not dispose of this appeal, and in order to obviate any contention of that sort I suggested this other course. Judge Willett, what do you think of that?

Comrade WILLETT. Commander in Chief, my suggestion on that matter would be this, that that portion of the commander in chief's report which treats of the Coney case, together with the report of the judge advocate, should be referred to the same committee, so that the one report would dispose of the entire question.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That mode of procedure would not estop these parties from having a hearing in their case, would it?

Comrade WILLETT. Not at all, because they would come before whatever committee it was referred to.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want all sides to have their day in court.

Comrade WILT. Commander in Chief, there is a question whether the committee on resolutions could give a matter of that kind the consideration that it really requires. They generally have many resolutions, and a special committee, or the committee on the judge advocate's report or the commander in chief's report probably could give it more attention than the committee on resolutions. I simply throw out the suggestion. I have been on the committee, and, as you all know, there have always been various matters come up, and the thing generally takes at least a couple of hours. I know one time—at Denver, I think—we sat until 2 o'clock in the morning. They have got their hands full if the resolutions come in at this encampment as they usually do.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. I think Comrade Wilt's suggestion is a good one, but in connection with that I suggest that the committee to whom is referred the report of the judge advocate general and to which would be referred this appeal had better be composed of lawyers, because they appreciate the point made perhaps better than a layman.

Comrade SHORES. In the short history of the case which we have had here it would seem that it must be some individual spite work, because a comrade like Coney has been recognized by his own department, and a vast number of comrades would be familiar with the case at the time he was elected department commander, and then the other offices that he has filled in the Grand Army during all these years would indicate that it can not be from any body of men, but would seem to be from an individual enemy—something of that kind. That is the way it would seem to me from the short history of the

case here. Perhaps it is unusual, but it would seem to me if the council of administration could do anything to strengthen the hands of our commander in chief and judge advocate in their decision they should do so. But I don't remember of any case of that kind coming up where the council's advice has been submitted in that way to the encampment. If it would seem proper and would have weight with the encampment that the council of administration approve of the action of the officials so far taken, you would probably know best whether a resolution passed here of that kind to come before the encampment would strengthen those hands. I am satisfied thoroughly from the short history of the case that it is an individual and not a vast number that is trying to put obloquy on Comrade Coney.

Comrade HENDERSHOT. If I understand the status of this case, it is that the commander in chief has decided the case in favor of Comrade Coney. That is the way I understand it. And the judge advocate has decided in favor of him. Where are they going to from there in this case?

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. To the encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. They have got a right of appeal and hearing in the encampment.

Comrade HENDERSHOT. They appealed from your decision?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes, sir.

Comrade HENDERSHOT. As far as I am concerned I am in favor of standing by the action of the commander in chief and the judge advocate general. It looks to me as though it must be a little case of spite work if this has stood for 20 years and they are still after Comrade Coney. It looks to me as if it was spite work.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It doesn't matter about that, my friend. The matter is in court and it must take its legal course.

Comrade ATKINS. The question is not whether we are in favor of Comrade Coney, but whether we shall settle this matter so it won't come up again next year or three years after. We want to go about it in the right course by either a special committee—I think that the best way would be a special committee. The report would be brought before the encampment and we could vote on it and settle the matter forever.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. My own notion about it is that it should be put in the hands of a special committee, and in the selection of that committee they ought to be of judicial mind and temperament and qualifications.

Comrade SHORES. Do you think it would strengthen your position to have a vote of the council of administration?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I do not know that that would have anything to do with it. I do not know that that would be in order.

Comrade WILLETT. I am of the impression it would not be in order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I should not think it would be. Of course we could suggest, and that is all we are doing, in an advisory capacity to the commander in chief and his associates.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I move that the whole subject matter be referred to the commander in chief, and that will end it.

Comrade WILLETT. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. I think it is already in the hands of the commander in chief.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I know, but that settles it as far as this committee is concerned.

Comrade INMAN. I think the quartermaster general means to give you authority to appoint a committee.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Exactly. Let it rest with him.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, comrades. Those in favor will make it known by saying aye; opposed, no. The motion is carried.

Comrade WILLETT. Many of us want to go to the ship launching this afternoon. We live in the slough-water districts in the interior, and we do not very often see anything of that kind. It has been a great many years since I saw a ship launching. I understand that the auditing committee's report that was submitted to the executive committee is ready to be submitted to this council, and that is about all of the actual business that we have to do; and I call for the regular order in that regard.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The report will be in order.

(Whereupon the adjutant general read the following report:)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

PORTLAND, OREG., August 19, 1918.

To the National Council of Administration,

Grand Army of the Republic:

The undersigned committee, appointed to report on the quartermaster general's report, have examined the same carefully, checked all books and vouchers, and find the same correct in every particular.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE A. PRICE,

JOHN B. INMAN,

J. ANDREW WILT,

Committee.

Comrade SHORES. I move that the report be adopted.

(The motion was duly seconded, put by the commander in chief, and carried.)

Comrade WILLETT. In connection with the report I move you, sir, that the action of the commander in chief and his associates, the quartermaster general and the adjutant general, in connection with the administration of the affairs of our organization down to and including the arrangements for this encampment, be approved by this council.

Comrade INMAN. I second the motion.

Comrade WILLETT. You have heard the motion. Any remarks? Those favoring the motion will make it known by saying aye; those opposed, no. The motion is carried.

Comrade SHORES. I think the Grand Army as a whole appreciate the benefits and results that have come to them and their allied organizations under your administration more than under any other administration—the increase of the soldiers' pensions and the rates given to the comrades to attend this encampment. I know, although we are few, that the Grand Army of the Republic has the most heartfelt gratitude for the services of our present officers.

Comrade WILLETT. I move we adjourn.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. I second the motion to adjourn.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Those favoring it will make it known by saying aye; opposed, no. The motion is carried.

(Whereupon, at 1.52 p. m., the meeting stood adjourned.)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1918, AT 4 P. M. IN THE NATIONAL  
HEADQUARTERS AT THE MULTNOMAH HOTEL, PORTLAND,  
OREG.

The council of administration met at 4. p. m. Thursday, August 22, 1918, pursuant to the call of the commander in chief.

The roll was called, and the following members found to be present:

Commander in Chief C. E. Adams, Omaha, Nebr.

Adj. Gen. A. M. Trimble, Lincoln, Nebr.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade John B. Inman, of Illinois.

Comrade J. W. Willett, of Iowa.

Comrade George F. Pendarvis, of Kansas.

Comrade Americus Whedon, of Kentucky.

Comrade Francis E. Mole, of Massachusetts.

Comrade R. A. Parker, of Michigan.

Comrade Philip G. Woodward, of Minnesota.

Comrade John M. Williams, of Missouri.

Comrade George H. Taylor, of Montana.

Comrade John A. Ehrhardt, of Nebraska.

Comrade Alfred Atkins, of New Jersey.

Comrade George A. Price, of New York.

Comrade John C. Roland, of Ohio.

Comrade F. H. Lamb, of Oregon.

Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade John A. Medbery, of Rhode Island.

Comrade E. L. Hurlbut, of South Dakota.

Comrade E. E. Pierce, of Vermont.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, this is the first meeting of the council of administration chosen at the Fifty-second Encampment. I do not know what business there may be laid out.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. There are some resolutions to be presented.

Comrade WILLETT. Commander in Chief, the organic law of the organization fixes the council of administration and who shall comprise that council, but the fixed rule of action as regards the conduct of the council has prescribed for an executive committee, and I offer the usual resolution:

*Resolved*, That the executive committee of the council of administration shall consist of the commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and seven members, to be appointed by the commander in chief, from the council of administration.

Comrade ATKINS. I move the adoption of the resolution.



Comrade ALTENBERG. I second the motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You hear the motion. Any remarks? Those in favor say aye. Contrary, no. The ayes have it.

Comrade WOODWARD. I desire to present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,200, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay actual traveling expenses.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade PRICE. Second the motion.

Comrade WILLETT. I would like to ask a question before that is put. Now, we have got  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and 3 cent mileage all over this country. Is that \$1,200 going to pay the expenses of the commander in chief if he does his duty? I put that query.

Comrade PARKER. Is that the usual sum?

Comrade WILLETT. This is the usual sum, and they have increased the mileage almost double. It is not enough in my humble judgment.

Comrade PARKER. I move to amend the resolution by inserting in place of the words "One thousand two hundred dollars" the words "one thousand eight hundred dollars."

Comrade INMAN. Second that motion.

Comrade GANDY. I would like to make the amendment that it be "\$1,800, or so much thereof as may be necessary."

Comrade PARKER. That is already in there.

Comrade WILLETT (reading):

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,200, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay actual traveling expenses.

Now, I am in favor of the amendment fixing it at \$1,800, although I do not understand that the commander in chief would take that as a carte blanche to spend \$1,800, but whatever additional sum over and above the \$1,200 we ought not to ask him to pay.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That is all right.

Comrade PENDARVIS. Just let the mover of that resolution accept the amendment.

Comrade WILLETT. Comrades, the resolution as amended would read:

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,800, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay actual traveling expenses.

And I move the adoption of the amendment. That is, I second the motion to adopt it as amended. You that are of the opinion that the amendment should prevail say aye. Contrary minded, no. The amendment is adopted. You that are of the opinion that the resolution as amended should prevail say aye. Contrary, no. It is so ordered.

Comrade WHEDON. I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the adjutant general be fixed at \$1,200 for the term.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor say aye; contrary, no. The ayes have it.



Comrade PRICE. I offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the quartermaster general be fixed at \$400 for the term.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Comrade WILLETT. Second the motion.

Comrade ROLAND. Wouldn't the matter of the high cost of living, etc., enter into that and apply to the salary of the adjutant general and quartermaster general?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. No, sir.

Comrade WILLETT. He is right at home.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. The quartermaster general's salary used to be \$2,000.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor will say aye; opposed, no. The ayes have it.

Comrade WILT. Commander in Chief, I desire to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the custodian of records be fixed at \$300 for the term.

I move that it be adopted.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You hear the motion. Those in favor say aye; contrary, no. It is so ordered.

Comrade INMAN. I have the honor to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bond of the adjutant general be fixed in the sum of \$1,000, and the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of \$5,000, to be executed by surety companies, and the expense thereof be borne by the national encampment.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade WHEDON. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor say aye; opposed, no. The resolution is adopted. What is your further pleasure?

Comrade ATKINS. I move you, sir, that the commander in chief be authorized to employ a secretary at an expense of not more than \$1,500 a year.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would suggest that that motion be made differently this year, on account of the circumstances, and that the whole subject matter be left to the discretion of the commander in chief.

Comrade MEDBERY. Second that motion.

Comrade ATKINS. I accept that substitute.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you hear that motion. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor will say aye; contrary will say no. It is so ordered.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. He can pay \$600, or \$900, or \$1,000, or whatever he is obliged to pay or thinks it is right to pay. These are trying times. You can't tell what you are going to do.

Comrade WILT. What about the editing of the Journal this year?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That is all provided for—\$200. We should do it, I think, now.

Comrade MEDBERY. Would it be proper to ask a question now, a personal question?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes.

Comrade MEDBERY. They charged me a war tax going back on the sleeping car. Is that correct?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Sure.

Comrade INMAN. Ten per cent on every sleeping-car ticket.

Comrade ALTENBERG. If there is nothing further before the council of administration, I move that we adjourn.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Just wait a moment. Comrade Wilt, you ought to offer that.

Comrade WILT. It is usual to make an appropriation of \$200 for editing the Journal. I move that \$200 be appropriated for the editing of the Journal by the retiring adjutant general.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You hear the motion, comrades. Any remarks?

Comrade ALTENBERG. That we make an appropriation of \$200 for the Journal. A question of information. How many Journals will we have, and how many would be distributed to the State of Arkansas? Who can explain that?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would state that you will get your regular proportion, but we won't issue over 1,000 copies.

Comrade ALTENBERG. It is limited to 1,000?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. That is, I say we won't. The commander in chief is the head of this institution. One thousand copies is enough. Let me say this much: The Journal is printed under the rules and regulations now. The Government prints the Journal, and they print 500 copies for the Senate, and 1,000 copies for the House, and 1,000 copies for us in paper covers, and 200 copies bound in cloth covers, for which the Government charges us for the paper and the setting up—nothing more. Last year I think it was \$225 or \$226; something like that. So that matter is all settled. Twelve hundred copies is enough.

Comrade PARKER. The \$200 is for the editing.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. For compiling, getting it all into shape, reading proof, and seeing it is all done. I am happy to say it has been all turned over to Miss Flood, and it will be done right.

Comrade ALTENBERG. The answer of the comrade to the right there is satisfactory. That was just the information I wanted.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Contrary, no. The ayes have it.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. I would suggest that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the official stenographer for the coming year.

Comrade INMAN. Second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are you ready for the question, comrades? Those in favor will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it.

Comrade ATKINS. Move we adjourn.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor will say aye. Those opposed, no. The meeting is adjourned. (4.20 p. m.)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1918, MULTNOMAH HOTEL, PORTLAND, OREG.

The meeting was called to order by Commander in Chief Orlando A. Somers at 2.30 o'clock p. m. The following members of the committee, in addition to the commander in chief, were present: Adj. Gen. Robert W. McBride, Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Comrades George A. Price, Philip G. Woodward, J. W. Willett, John B Inman, J Andrew Wilt, and C. E. Adams.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, this is a meeting of the executive committee for the purpose of transacting any business that may properly come before it. During the past year it has not been found necessary to call a session of the executive committee, neither to appoint a subcommittee. There seems to have been no occasion for the calling of either. The business has been transacted by the commander in chief, the quartermaster general, and the adjutant general, and it has been confined really to making arrangements with the city of Portland for the present encampment, and that has been done without any friction and almost without discussion. The usual precedents have been followed in making arrangements with this city, and blanks were properly prepared before we visited Portland, and after a very brief statement of our purpose here and the purposes of that meeting the contract was closed—I think on record time. There was no objection to any part of our proposition, and from that time until this there has been no friction of any kind whatever between the authorities of this city and ourselves, and there has been nothing that we have asked but what has been readily granted. We have tried at all times to be temperate in our requirements, and our wishes have been respected, so far as I know, without any reluctance, and we feel that the Grand Army encampment is assembled under very auspicious circumstances, and we look for one of the most harmonious sessions of the Grand Army of the Republic that has ever been held.

The chair is ready to hear any proposition that may come before this committee pertaining to our business. Has Comrade Price anything to offer?

Comrade PRICE. Nothing special, Commander in Chief. As far as I know everything has gone on satisfactorily. I, with two of my fellow members of the committee, have this morning examined the books of the quartermaster general and found them absolutely correct in every detail to the last dollar and the last penny, and we can certify to the correctness of the accounts of the quartermaster general. I have no resolution to offer in regard to what should be done, but I shall make out a report to submit to the council of administration to-morrow in regard to the quartermaster general.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. May I ask the chairman if he found anything unusual or extraordinary in the expense account of the encampment for this year?

Comrade PRICE. Absolutely nothing, sir. It was all perfectly satisfactory to the members of the committee. If I should make any suggestion at all it would be that the quartermaster general be reimbursed for necessary expenses. I think there were some items that the quartermaster general paid himself that ought to be legally chargeable to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Nothing to that.

Comrade PRICE. Not only legally, but in a fraternal spirit. He ought not to spend of his money in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic when we have got funds that can be drawn on.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further suggestion by any members of this committee?

Comrade INMAN. Would it be necessary, Commander in Chief, or would it be proper to pass a motion here that the commander in chief's action in making arrangements for the encampment be ratified and approved by the committee, as long as the committee was not called together?

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. All the acts set forth in the report should be approved.

Comrade INMAN. I move that the action be approved by the executive committee.

Comrade WOODWARD. Second the motion.

Comrade WILLETT. Is that motion broad enough to cover the ground, in view of the fact that the adjutant general and quartermaster general assisted?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Your motion is that the action of the commander in chief, quartermaster general, and adjutant general be approved?

Comrade INMAN. Their action in making arrangements for the Fifty-second National Encampment be approved by the executive committee.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. I will say, in addition to what the commander in chief has said, that one reason the executive committee was not called together was because it was thought necessary—and found necessary—to make some little extraordinary expenditure in advocacy of the Smoot pension bill, and also a trip to Washington to secure the reduced rate, and in view of the extra expense thus incurred it was thought best not to add to that expense by having any meeting of the executive committee or any other members asked to attend at Portland and assist in making the contract. The report of the quartermaster general, I believe, shows some expenses beyond the ordinary in sending Past Commander in Chief Gardner to Washington.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. The expenses, as a whole, do not exceed former years. They are about the same as ordinarily.

Adj. Gen. McBRIDE. They would have been greater if it had been thought necessary to call the committee together.

Comrade PRICE. Yes, sir; very much greater.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? Those favoring the motion will make it known by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." The motion is car-



ried, and the action of the commander in chief, quartermaster general, and adjutant general is approved.

Comrade WILT. I think the commander in chief acted wisely. He did just exactly as much as two or three more could have done. They could not have added one iota, and that much expense was saved.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. It would not have made any difference if you had had a hundred there.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It would have been an unnecessary expense.

Comrade WILT. I guess the members of the committee all understand it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If we had had any doubt about our ability to make the contract we would have called you to our assistance.

Comrade WILT. I said to the railroad people that if the commander in chief wants any assistance he will take those that live nearer Portland than I.

Comrade PRICE. That is the way I thought about it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. So with the committee on legislation. We found it necessary to go to the city of Washington, or we deemed it necessary to go, in order to secure the reduced rate of fare to this encampment. Immediately upon the adjournment of the encampment at Boston the commander in chief took up the question of transportation with the different railroads that were interested in that—the different traffic associations. We spent a great deal of time with the railroad men. They came to my home in droves sometimes, all of them anxious to have the patronage of the Grand Army of the Republic. When asked what inducements they had to offer, the usual reply was “superior equipment.” I said to them that men who had gone to war in cattle cars were not very particular about equipment, but we were somewhat interested in the cost of transportation, and we wanted a reduction of rates. But they had nothing to offer. They talked encouragingly until the time came when there was such a congestion in traffic on the railroads that the Government took charge of them. Then we transferred our efforts to Washington city, arranged to meet Secretary McAdoo, and in a very short time had secured the 1-cent rate from him.

That was made easy by reason of the fact that the Confederate Veterans had been to him a week or so prior and asked him if he would grant them the same rate that the Southern Passenger Association had been granting to their meetings. And Secretary McAdoo's response had been, “Of course I will.” He gave them the same rate that the railroads had been giving them. In the South the railroads had been giving reduced rates to the Confederate veterans to their meetings, and the Secretary thought it was proper that he should give the same rate.

Now, that made it easy for us when we went there, because when he told me of his action in regard to the Confederate Veterans I said to him, “Mr. Secretary, the favor we are going to ask of you is that you shall grant the same privileges to the men who fought to save the country that you have granted to those who fought to destroy it.” And his response was unhesitatingly and very, very graciously given



to us—"Of course I will. Of course I will." There was no other answer to our question.

Later when this half-cent rate was added to the Pullman traffic there was an effort, it seemed to me, to add that to our 1-cent rate, and after considerable correspondence and controversy we had that removed. The Secretary was absent from his office for a time and his inferior sought to add that half-cent rate to our 1-cent rate. The struggle to be relieved from the half-cent rate was far greater than it had been to secure the 1-cent rate. But the Secretary had put his statement, on my request, in writing and there was no question about what he had granted us. There could be no question, and hence the rate remained at 1 cent.

Another thing that added to our expense was the matter of pensions while we were in Washington, and we were there for the 1-cent rate and on account of the pensions as well, but we were there for a longer time and at increased expense in order to meet the Senate Committee on Pensions and use our efforts with some of the State congressional delegations, and wherever we might, to influence them to take action upon the pension bill. The committee on legislation (Washington Gardner, chairman) had had a meeting prior to my arrival and that of the adjutant general in Washington. We were delayed some 14 hours by snowstorms. The local committee that we had called had conferred with Senator Smoot and after having canvassed the question thoroughly they had agreed upon the Smoot bill, and that was the status of it when we arrived in Washington.

Their action was approved by the other members of the committee, and we commenced at once to try to influence Congress to give us an increased rate of pension. You who have received your pension checks know that we were successful.

I think that these are the only causes of added expense, unless it be that the expense to Portland to make arrangements for the encampment at the increased railroad tariff that had been placed on travel was in excess of what it would have been if our encampment had been located centrally.

Comrade WILT. We realized that fully a year ago, when we voted to come here.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would say further before I got my tour entirely completed the half cent had been added and I found my expenses in excess of what they would have been without these increases, and all of these increases have been made subsequent to the time of the action of this committee at its last session in Boston.

Comrade ADAMS. That is a mighty interesting statement, and I wish to say, personally, that the Grand Army of the Republic can well afford to felicitate themselves on the fact that you and your assistants have done the work of the past year in the very able and wise manner in which you have done it. The year has been blessed unusually by the efforts you have made—unquestionably so. The pension matter was brought about with so little difficulty, or publicity, you might say. We saw the act after it had been accomplished, and that pleased everybody—pleased the country. I think we can felicitate ourselves greatly on the able manner in which you have handled your entire administration, and I hope our committee on resolutions will recognize it in an able manner.

I was very much interested in the statement made by Comrade Price in relation to some expenditure of the quartermaster general.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Drop that subject, if you please. It is all right. I thank you very much. Everything is all right.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. When Stowits says it is right, it is right.

Q. M. Gen. STOWITS. Thank you. It is all right, Comrade Adams.

Comrade ADAMS. I subside; but I certainly think that the statement was one that should interest us, anyway.

The members of the committee present were then asked separately by the commander in chief if they had anything further to present, and all replying in the negative, upon motion of Q. M. Gen. Stowits, seconded by Comrade Price, which motion was duly put and carried, the meeting, at 3.14 p. m., stood adjourned.

**GENERAL ORDERS:  
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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 1 }

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
*Boston, Mass., August 23, 1917.*

I. Having been elected commander in chief by the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at Room 1224, State Life Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant general, Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.; quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.; assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief.*



GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 2 }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
Indianapolis, Ind., October 8, 1917.

I. At the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Boston, Mass., August 20 to 25, 1917, the following-named comrades were duly elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: Orlando A. Somers, Kokomo, Ind.

Senior vice commander in chief: John L. Clem, Atlanta, Ga.

Junior vice commander in chief: John M. Vernon, Chicago, Ill.

Surgeon general: John M. Adams, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chaplain in chief: C. H. Frady, Helena, Mont.

National council of administration:

Alabama: F. G. Sheppard, Birmingham.

Arizona: E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming: H. M. Minor, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Connecticut: Harry L. Beach, Hartford.

Delaware: James Agnew, Wilmington.

Florida: E. S. Upham, St. Petersburg.

Georgia and South Carolina: C. J. Hitch, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Idaho: C. F. Drake, Weiser.

Illinois: John B. Inman, Springfield.

Indiana: William A. Kelsey, Fort Wayne.

Iowa: J. W. Willett, Tama.

Kansas: David Taylor, Emporia.

Kentucky: Americus Whedon, Washington, D. C.

Louisiana and Mississippi: W. B. Barrett, New Orleans, La.

Maine: Charles E. Nason, Gray.

Maryland: W. H. Moffett, Baltimore.

Massachusetts: Edward H. Haskell, Boston.

Michigan: Samuel J. Lawrence, Detroit.

Minnesota: Philip G. Woodward, Anoka.

Missouri: John M. Williams, California.

Montana: George H. Taylor, Helena.

Nebraska: C. E. Adams, Omaha.

New Hampshire: Isaac M. Savage, Concord.

New Jersey: Alfred Atkins, Roselle Park.

New Mexico: F. E. Olney, East Las Vegas.

New York: George A. Price, Brooklyn.

North Dakota: Joseph E. Palmer, Fessenden.

Ohio: J. K. P. Ferrell, Uhrichsville.

Oklahoma: Charles M. Rawlings, Bartlesville.

Oregon: William Hendershot, Portland.

Pennsylvania: J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda.

Potomac: Charles Loeffler, Washington, D. C.

Rhode Island: John A. Medbery, East Providence.

South Dakota: T. C. De Jean, Plankinton.

Tennessee: Newton Hacker, Jonesboro.

Texas: Martin Ballweg, Cedar Hill.

Utah: Seymour B. Young, Salt Lake City.

Vermont: James M. Tracy, Middlebury.

Virginia and North Carolina: W. S. Wilson, National Soldiers' Home, Va.

Washington and Alaska: E. A. Shores, Tacoma, Wash.

West Virginia: Smith Risinger, Moundsville.

Wisconsin: D. G. James, Richland Center.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.

Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general: Smith Stimmel, Fargo, N. Dak.

Inspector general: Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

National patriotic instructor: William C. Calland, Springfield, Mo.

Assistant adjutant general: C. A. Williams, Portland, Oreg.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: J. Henry Holcomb, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.

Senior aid-de-camp: Gavin M. Stormont, Pomona, Cal.

III. At a meeting of the national council of administration held at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., August 23, 1917, it was voted that the executive committee of the national council of administration should consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and seven members to be appointed by the commander in chief from the national council of administration.

In accordance with this action, the following-named members of the national council of administration are hereby appointed members of the executive committee:

George A. Price, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Philip G. Woodward, Anoka, Minn.

J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.

Harry L. Beach, Hartford, Conn.

J. Andrew Wilt, Towanda, Pa.

C. E. Adams, Omaha, Nebr.

IV. Official headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 1224 State Life Building, Indianapolis, Ind., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. The national encampment having failed to elect a successor to Comrade W. R. Warnock, trustee of the permanent fund, whose term expired in August, 1917, Comrade Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., is appointed to serve until the next national encampment.

VI. Comrade W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa., is appointed trustee of the permanent fund, vice Comrade Thomas J. Stewart, deceased, and will serve until the next national encampment.

VII. All requisitions for supplies, etc., with remittances therefor, must be sent direct to the quartermaster general, Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, 877 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general. All remittances for amounts of less than \$5 must be sent in post office money orders. At the end of each month the quartermaster general will render to these headquarters a report of his receipts and expenditures.

VIII. Department commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters, as soon as possible, the name of comrades whom they desire to recommend for appointments as aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They are requested to give the full name of the comrades recommended, their post number and post office address, so that notice of appointment may be sent them promptly.

The official badge for aids-de-camps is as follows: Rank strap, silver eagle on black enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag, with buff border.

Following the custom of previous administrations, every aid-de-camp will be required to pay \$1 for his badge and commission, which will cover the cost of badge, commission and engrossing, and the necessary printing and postage. On receipt of acceptance of appointment and remittance names of comrades thus accepting will be published in general orders.

Comrades appointed aids-de-camp will be expected to be active and energetic in the interests of the order. It is hoped that they will give especial attention to recruiting and to aiding weak posts. They are requested to report to these headquarters at the end of the year the result of their endeavors.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with brief sketch of military and Grand Army service, that it may be published in general orders.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send all department general orders to these headquarters and also are asked to send without delay a copy of the department roster and journal of the last department encampment.

XI. On the nomination of the inspector general, assistant inspectors general will be appointed by the commander in chief. They will report to the inspector general by letter and will be advised by him as to the duties of their office.

XII. Comrades are advised that all requests for an opinion, or an appeal from the decision of a department commander, must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can only render an opinion to the commander in chief and will be obliged to return all requests sent to him out of the regular channels.

XIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to notify these headquarters promptly on receipt of these orders, as to the location of their next department encampment, and the date, if it has been fixed.

XIV. General Orders, No. 1, which were issued in Boston, Mass., to department headquarters only, will not be issued to posts, as the information contained therein is incorporated in these orders.

XV. The attention of department commanders is especially called to the southern memorial fund. This fund is devoted to a purpose that should appeal to every member of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is used to decorate the graves of our comrades who died on the battle lines in southern hospitals and in southern prisons; our comrades who died that we might be crowned with the victory they helped to win. Shall their graves be neglected, while the graves of those who died at home are made shrines of patriotism?

It will require approximately \$1,800 each year to pay this tribute to their memory. This sum should be apportioned among the different departments in proportion to their membership, and department commanders are urged to see that their respective departments contribute their full share to this sacred fund. Department commanders should, in general orders, bring this to the attention of each post in their respective departments.

In connection with the foregoing, comrades are referred to the report of the quartermaster general for 1917, from which it will be seen that Connecticut and Minnesota were the only departments which contributed more than \$50 to this fund, the contribution of Minnesota being greater than the combined contributions of the eight largest departments.

XVI. At this time our minds and our hearts are filled with the burdens and the cares of the great world war into which we have been drawn. The Grand Army of the Republic is not only a patriotic organization, but it knows no middle ground between loyalty and disloyalty. Citizens of the United States are either wholeheartedly for their country or they are against it.

XVII. Decisions of the Fifty-first National Encampment and committees will be announced in General Orders, No. 3.

XVIII. The commander in chief avails himself of this opportunity to further express to all his comrades his appreciation of the supreme honor conferred upon him by the encampment at Boston by its unanimous voice and vote.

He assures his comrades that he fully appreciates the responsibilities consequent upon the honor thus bestowed—responsibilities ever increasing and duties ever exacting by reason of the increasing age of all and the passing of so many of our trusted leaders and counselors and our rapidly thinning ranks.

He prayerfully invokes the active cooperation of all his comrades, of our noble auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and of our worthy allies, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans, and the Daughters of Veterans, that the usefulness of our organization may not be lessened or its dignity lowered.

Let our loyalty to our country, our fidelity to our comrades, our charity to the widows and orphans of our dead comrades in their hour of need be forever unquestioned.

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief.*

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General.*

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### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Thomas J. Stewart, past commander in chief and treasurer of the board of trustees of the permanent fund, died suddenly September 11 at his home in Harrisburg, Pa., aged 69 years. He enlisted as a boy of 16 years in the One hundred and thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. Comrade Stewart was elected commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1889, was appointed adjutant general in 1897, 1898, and 1899, and was elected commander in chief in 1902. At the time of his death he was serving his twenty-second year as adjutant general of the State of Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 3. }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
Indianapolis, Ind., November 24, 1917.

I. The Fifty-second National Encampment will meet at Portland, Oreg., in 1918.

II. The following amendments to the rules and regulations were adopted by the Fifty-first National Encampment. (All changes and additions are printed in italics.)

Chapter III, Article II, paragraph 2, amended to read:

"All the post commanders and *senior and junior vice post commanders* for the time being throughout its jurisdiction."

Chapter V, Article II, amended to read:

"RETURNS AND REPORTS.

"SECTION 1. Each post commander shall make annual returns to the assistant adjutant general of the department on the *first day of January in each year, containing, with other information, the number of members in good standing therein on December 31st last past*. He shall at the same time forward the names of all members of his post, in good standing, who have held the position of commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, or junior vice commander in chief of the national encampment, or of department commander, senior, or junior vice department commander, and a list of the names of rejected applicants. The name of a person dishonorably discharged shall be forwarded at once.

"SEC. 2. The assistant adjutant general of each department shall, on the receipt of returns, note thereon the date of reception and turn over the quartermaster's and surgeon's returns to the assistant quartermaster general and the medical director, respectively. He shall consolidate the *annual* returns of the post adjutants within *thirty days after the first day of January in each year*, for the information of the department commander, and shall prepare a copy on blanks of Form C of such consolidated returns to be forwarded by the department commander to the adjutant general on or before the *first day of February in each year*. This report shall also contain a list of the names of all the past officers of the national encampment entitled to membership therein, reported as in good standing in the several posts of his department. He shall also make such supplemental reports as may be required by national headquarters.

"SEC. 3. The adjutant general shall, on receipt of returns, note thereon the date of reception and turn over to the quartermaster general and surgeon general the returns belonging to their respective offices. He shall consolidate the returns of the assistant adjutants general for the information of the commander in chief and shall present a copy of such consolidated returns to the annual session of the national encampment.

"SEC. 4. The quartermaster of each post shall, through the post commander, make the *annual return* to the assistant quartermaster general of the department, on the *first day of January in each year, to and including December 31st last past*, on blanks of Form B.

"SEC. 5. These returns shall be consolidated by the assistant quartermaster general within *thirty days after the first day of January in each year*, and such consolidated returns shall be forwarded by the department commander to the adjutant general on or before *February 1st in each year*, a copy thereof being retained for the information of the department commander on blanks of Form D. He shall also make such supplemental reports as may be required by national headquarters.

"SEC. 6. The annual returns of the assistant quartermaster general shall be consolidated by the quartermaster general for the information of the commander in chief, and a copy thereof shall be presented by the quartermaster general to the national encampment at its annual session.



"SEC. 7. The patriotic instructor of each post shall, through the post commander, make a report upon forms obtained from the assistant adjutant general of the department within thirty days after receiving notice from the department commander, and shall forward the same direct to the patriotic instructor of the department, who shall in turn make a report to the national patriotic instructor thirty days prior to the meeting of the national encampment."

#### "CHAPTER V, ARTICLE III.

##### "DUES AND REVENUES.

"SEC. 1. The national encampment at its annual sessions shall assess a per capita tax on each department not exceeding twenty-five cents per annum on each and every member in good standing therein. Such tax shall be payable in *two equal installments* and shall be forwarded by the department commander to the quartermaster general, *one-half on February 1st and the remaining one-half on July 15th in each year*. The amount of the *annual* tax due from each department shall be ascertained from the number of members in good standing therein *on December 31st last past in each year*, reported in the consolidated return made to the adjutant general *on or before the first day of February in each year*.

"SEC. 2. Each department encampment at its annual session shall assess a per capita tax on each and every post in its jurisdiction not exceeding one dollar per annum on each member in good standing therein. This tax shall include the tax due the national encampment from the department and shall be forwarded by the post commander to the assistant quartermaster general in semi-annual installments on the first days of January and July in each year. The amount of the semiannual installments due from each post shall be determined by the number of members in good standing therein *on December 31st last past*, as reported in the return of the post commander made on the first day of *January in each year*.

"SEC. 3. Each post, either by its by-laws or by a vote at the last meeting in December, may assess a per capita tax on its members payable in equal quarterly installments on the first days of January, April, July, and October."

III. As all departments have made semiannual reports for term ending June 30, 1917, they will render to these headquarters a semiannual report for the remainder of the year only, for the term ending December 31, 1917. The number of representatives and alternates to which each post is entitled this year shall be determined by the membership reported in the semiannual report of June 30, 1917.

IV. The following resolutions were adopted by the fifty-first national encampment:

1. A resolution of encouragement and good will to the new Republic of Russia.

2. A resolution asking Congress to effect legislation to bring back to the United States the remains of all United States soldiers and sailors who die abroad.

3. A resolution thanking the President for his executive order granting leave of absence with pay to Civil War veterans in the employ of the Government who desired to attend the national encampment.

4. A resolution asking Congress to pass a bill authorizing the payment of pensions monthly instead of quarterly.

5. A resolution of love and sympathy for Past Commander in Chief John E. Gilman, on account of the breaking of his arm during the encampment.

6. A resolution of love and sympathy for Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief J. Kent Hamilton, with hopes for his speedy recovery.

7. A resolution asking the President to leave the supervision of the character of monuments to be erected in Arlington Cemetery in hands of the Quartermaster General of the United States instead of transferring it to an art commission.

8. A resolution asking Congress to enact a law whereby aliens who serve in any war as members of the United States Army or Navy shall, because of that service, become citizens of the United States.

9. A resolution urging the passage by Congress of an increase in pensions for our blind comrades.

10. A resolution authorizing the appointment by the commander in chief of a committee to investigate the matter of decoration of graves in the South, the

raising of money for this purpose, and the proper method of procedure; this committee to report to the next national encampment.

11. A resolution authorizing the commander in chief, with the consent of the executive committee, to change the location of the national encampment if railroad rates to Portland, Oreg., are unreasonable.

12. A resolution indorsing the efforts of the War and Navy Departments to safeguard and protect the morals and health of the young soldiers and sailors recently called to the colors.

13. A resolution pledging the support of the Grand Army of the Republic in the measures taken by the Government for the vigorous prosecution of the war.

14. A resolution indorsing the laudable action of the Union Pacific Railroad in employing Civil War veterans to guard their great line of railroad from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast.

15. A resolution thanking the State of Massachusetts, the city of Boston, the Boston encampment committee, and the citizens of the State and city for their hospitality and entertainment; the Woman's Relief Corps for the luncheons served during the encampment sessions; the Sons of Veterans, the Boy Scouts, and the police force for their watchful care and guidance of our comrades during encampment week.

16. A resolution of sympathy for Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur in the death of his wife.

17. A resolution of sympathy for the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War in the death of one of its members, Mrs. Nannie Cochrane, killed in an hotel elevator during the encampment.

V. There are some departments which have not yet sent us information as to the date and place of meeting of their department encampments. Those who have failed to do so are requested to send this information at once, that the commander in chief's itinerary may be arranged.

VI. Attention is again called to the necessity of contributions for the Southern memorial fund, and department commanders are urged to bring this matter to the attention of the posts in their respective departments.

VII. Assistant adjutants general are reminded that requisitions for supplies should be sent direct to the quartermaster general and should not be sent to the adjutant general.

VIII. The commander in chief is pleased to announce the passage by Congress of the Smoot amendment which provided for an increase in pension to \$25 per month for all widows of Civil War veterans now on the rolls or who may be placed on the rolls. This amendment also provided for the same increase for all widows of veterans of the Spanish and Philippine Wars and for widows of soldiers of the present war. While we rejoice at the good fortune of those who will benefit by the increase, yet we regret that the Army nurses of the Civil War and all widows of Civil War veterans were not included in the amendment. It is hoped that the Congress may change the marriage limitation for widows of Civil War veterans, at least to conform to the action of the national encampment, and thus free itself of the charge of discrimination against widows of our comrades.

IX. The appointment of assistant inspectors general will be announced in General Orders, No. 4.

X. The following committees are hereby appointed:

Committee on legislation—

Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich., chairman.

Isaac R. Sherwood, Toledo, Ohio.

Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C.

Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo.

Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.

John McElroy, Washington, D. C.

Samuel M. Hench, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Committee on rules and regulations and ritual:

Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., chairman.

H. M. Trimble, Princeton, Ill.

E. R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. C. Milliken, Portland, Me.

F. H. Hurd, Seattle, Wash.

Committee on Gettysburg peace monument:

Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn., chairman.

John E. Gilman, Boston, Mass.

Elias R. Monfort, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.

## Committee on Gettysburg peace monument—Continued.

Lester S. Willson, Bozeman, Mont.  
 Levi G. McCauley, West Chester, Pa.  
 David Beem, Spencer, Ind.  
 George W. Martin, Brookfield, Me.  
 L. L. Cadwell, Decorah, Iowa.  
 John H. Banderob, Oshkosh, Wis.  
 George Breck, New York, N. Y.  
 Thomas H. Brown, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
 Andrew J. Cowan, Louisville, Ky.  
 Thomas H. Hopkins, Washington, D. C.  
 William H. Harries, Minneapolis, Minn.

Committee to obtain testimonial for Past Commander in Chief W. J. Patterson:

Alfred B. Beers, Bridgeport, Conn., chairman.  
 James Tanner, Washington, D. C.  
 Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

XI. The following comrades having complied with paragraph VIII, General Orders No. 2, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
CONNECTICUT.			NEW YORK.		
Brewer, Samuel U.....	33	Winsted.	Forfar, Robert.....	499	Brooklyn.
Child, Frederick W.....	24	Greenwich.	Maguire, Henry M.....	499	New York.
Ferguson, Wm.....	45	South Manchester.	Stegman, Louis R.....	499	Brooklyn.
Gordon, Andrew.....	56	Hazardville.	OHIO.		
Packer, John G.....	55	Mystic.	Adams, Ayres B.....	186	Cincinnati.
Wheeler, George H.....	78	Winsted.	Bostwick, W. C.....	406	Mount Sterling.
DELAWARE.			Britton, Marion D.....	404	New Vienna.
Baylis, Jesse K.....	23	Wilmington.	Curry, William L.....	113	Columbus.
Cook, Orrin J.....	7	Lincoln.	Dickerson, R. G.....	60	Lewis Center.
Horne, Edward.....	1	Wilmington.	Evans, L. F.....	293	North Lewisburg.
Peirce, George.....	5	New Castle.	Fenton, Lucien J.....	190	Winchester.
ILLINOIS.			Lawrence, Nelson C.....	327	Ravenna.
Crummer, Wilbur F.....	615	Chicago.	Neville, Jason.....	380	Duncan Falls.
Healey, James J.....	5	Do.	Otte, A. Edward C.....	401	Cincinnati.
Law, R. I.....	4	Galesburg.	Overholt, J. L.....	12	Akron.
Lewis, Edward H.....	28	Chicago.	Overturf, John W.....	451	Columbus.
INDIANA.			Riley, John W.....	369	Troy.
Barnes, John W.....	30	Kokomo.	Sprague, Wm. E.....	29	Youngstown
Brown, J. N.....	41	Winamac.	Turner, E. H.....	29	Do.
Foster, Wallace.....	17	Indianapolis.	Wagoner, S. M.....	201	Delta.
KANSAS.			Weatherspoon, Wm.....	286	Sabina.
Graham, Benjamin D.....	92	Seneca.	Wells, T. B.....	393	Tippecanoe City.
Hanna, J. G.....	130	Hiawatha.	Wilder, Daniel S.....	451	Columbus.
Mitchell, Joshua.....	92	Seneca.	OKLAHOMA.		
Richardson, Ethelbert.....	293	Fort Dodge.	Fisher, Henry.....	15	Crescent.
MASSACHUSETTS.			Reeves, Albert.....	51	Tulsa.
Bixby, Luther W.....	26	Boston.	SOUTH DAKOTA.		
Corey, George W.....	168	Southbridge.	Fulmer, W. W.....	10	Sioux Falls.
Flood, John.....	62	Newton.	Geeting, W. O.....	21	Lennox.
MICHIGAN.			Kingman, N. H.....	150	Selby.
Spears, David C.....	10	Wyandotte.	Miller, Charles H.....	34	Chamberlain.
MISSOURI.			Payne, S. Q.....	50	Woonsocket.
Hall, Henry.....	232	Humansville.	Snow, George W.....	38	Springfield.
Walton, Farwell.....	131	St. Louis.	Teare, W. H.....	95	Onida.
			Wright, B. H.....	30	Higmore.
			WISCONSIN.		
			Lent, A. N.....	170	Superior.

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief.*

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General.*

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### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Delos L. Holden, past commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, died at Pueblo, Colo., September 6, 1917, aged 77 years. Comrade Holden was commissioned second lieutenant in the Fiftieth New York Volunteer Engineers and served as adjutant of the regiment throughout the peninsular campaign of Gen. McClellan until the return of the Army to Washington. He was elected department commander in 1880.

Comrade Francis M. Smith, past commander of the Department of Maryland, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., September 22, 1917, aged 74 years. He enlisted as private in Company H, First Maryland Volunteer Infantry, May 17, 1861, and was promoted to corporal and first sergeant. He reenlisted February 19, 1864, as a veteran volunteer, and was promoted to second, then first lieutenant, and on September 9, 1864, to adjutant. He was breveted captain April 1, 1865, for meritorious service at Five Forks, and was awarded a medal of honor by the War Department for gallantry at the Battle of Dabneys Mills. He was mustered out July 2, 1865. Comrade Smith was elected department commander in 1884.

Comrade A. E. Borthwick, past commander of the Department of Oregon, died at his home in Portland, Oreg., October 30, 1917, aged 72 years. He enlisted at the age of 16 in the First United States Lancers, afterwards consolidated with the Fourth New York Heavy Artillery. He reenlisted in Company C, Second New York Veteran Cavalry, and was mustered out November 27, 1865. Comrade Borthwick was a charter member of the first post organized in Oregon and was elected department commander in 1888.

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### INFORMATION WANTED.

If the comrade who stopped at Toronto, Canada, en route to the national encampment at Boston in August, and had his picture taken with another man at the Blakemore studio, will communicate with national headquarters, we will be very glad to send him the photos taken at that time. The comrade is dressed in Grand Army uniform, and has on an aide's badge. The envelope is addressed to Mr. Sherwood, care Grand Army Republic, Boston, U. S. A., but as we can not find any record of anyone named Sherwood having served as an aid-de-camp, the photographer has probably made a mistake in the name.

Miss A. Sharp, 5611 Harvard Street, E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa., wishes to hear from anyone who served with her father, Charles Sharp. He lived in Louisville, Ky., until about two years before the war and then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he had a drug store. She is under the impression that his service was in the Army of the Cumberland.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
Indianapolis, Ind., March 26, 1918.

MEMORIAL DAY.

I. In accordance with the custom of the Grand Army of the Republic, Thursday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day.

The approach of another Memorial Day finds us in the shadow of a great war. Let our observance of the day be such as to evidence our unswerving and unflinching devotion to our country. The mightiest military power the world has ever known has compelled us to draw the sword for the maintenance of our national honor and the defense of free government. To-day not only are our sons and our grandsons emulating the deeds of their sires, in upholding the honor of the old flag, but our hearts are gladdened by the fruition of the hope of Lincoln, and the sons and the grandsons of the followers of Lee are marching shoulder to shoulder with the sons and the grandsons of the followers of Grant, under the Stars and Stripes, and all are offering their lives in the service of a united country. We thus have renewed assurance that "our honored dead" did not "die in vain."

As we strew flowers on the graves of our fallen comrades, let us also strew flowers on the graves of the Confederate dead, who sleep in our cemeteries, not in forgetfulness of the past, but in recognition of this realization of the hope that nerved our arms in the dark days of fratricidal strife.

"No more shall the war cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be red;  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Love and tears for the Blue,  
Tears and love for the Gray."

Time has wrought the fulfillment of Lincoln's prophetic words in the closing paragraph of his first inaugural address: At last "the mystic cords of memory, stretching from every battle field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land," \* \* \* "touched," \* \* \* "by the better angels of our nature," \* \* \* "swell the chorus of the Union."

II. As provided by the Forty-fifth National Encampment, flags shall be placed at half-mast and bells tolled for five minutes from 12 o'clock noon at all public Grand Army exercises on Memorial Day, during which time every comrade shall remain standing uncovered.

III. The national encampment has directed that Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and Gen. Logan's Memorial Day order shall be read as a part of the public services. The following is a copy of Past Commander in Chief Logan's Memorial Day order:

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

1. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adorn-



ment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going to reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime. Let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor. Let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

2. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

3. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,  
*Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
*Adjutant General.*

IV. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has been observed as Memorial Sunday for many years. Posts are urged to attend some church on that day, inviting its auxiliary and its allied orders to participate in the services.

V. Post commanders should detail comrades to visit the schools in their vicinity on the day preceding Memorial Day. The children look forward to this visit, and are anxious to hear something of the history of the Civil War from the men who participated in it.

#### FLAG DAY.

VI. The 14th of June, Flag Day, should be observed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they will display the flag this day in honor of the one hundred and forty-first anniversary of its adoption by the Congress of the United States.

This year the day should have special significance for us. Our country is at war, and thousands of our American young men are in a foreign country fighting under the same flag under which we fought during the Civil War, for democracy and the freedom of the world. Let us do our part in so far as we are able to encourage and uphold these boys in their struggle. Our fighting days are over, comrades, but "we can rally 'round the flag, boys, rally once again, shouting the battle cry of freedom."

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

VII. Your commander in chief and adjutant general visited Washington the first week in February to attend a meeting of a subcommittee of the committee on legislation. While there we visited Mr. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads, and discussed the question of transportation and rates to the national encampment. He assured us that the necessary transportation facilities would be at our disposal and granted us a rate of 1 cent a mile. This is the lowest rate which has been given us for many years, and should assure us of a large attendance at the national encampment in Portland. The rate applies only to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families and members of the Army Nurses' Association, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

The encampment will meet the week beginning Sunday, August 18. The commander in chief, with a subcommittee of the executive committee, will visit Portland, Oreg., early in May, and at that time will choose the headquarters hotel and complete all details for a successful meeting of the encampment. As soon as details are completed, general orders will be immediately issued to departments, that they may select their headquarters, etc.

#### PENSIONS.

VIII. During our visit to Washington, the matter of pensions was the important question before the committee on legislation. We discussed the various bills which had been introduced in Congress favoring an increase in pensions, and after a conference with the Pension Committee of the Senate, at which

meeting Gen. Sherwood, chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, was present, it was agreed that the Smoot bill was the most liberal bill which could possibly pass the Congress at this session. This provides for a minimum pension of \$30 a month for a comrade 72 years of age, who served 90 days, and a maximum of \$40 a month for two years or more of service. Comrades are urged to use their influence with their Senators and Representatives in Congress in behalf of this bill, which will bring much-needed relief to thousands of soldiers who are barely existing on their present pension.

## SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

IX. It becomes necessary to again urge upon the members of our order the necessity of contributing to the southern memorial fund. At a meeting of the national council of administration, held in the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., at the close of the Fifty-first National Encampment, it was voted that the commander in chief should assess a certain amount on the larger and stronger departments, if contributions were not made freely. Two weeks ago letters were addressed to the commanders of 24 departments, asking them to secure from the posts or individuals of their department a certain sum as their proportion of the money needed. Responses to these letters have been very encouraging, with one exception. The commander in nearly all cases issued circular letters immediately to the posts stating the amount expected from the department and asked for immediate response. As the amount asked from each department did not average 50 cents for each post in the department, it seems as though our comrades would have sufficient pride to see that their posts contributed. All contributions should be in the hands of the quartermaster general by May 1 at the latest.

X. The Fifty-first National Encampment adopted a resolution authorizing the commander in chief to appoint a committee of seven to investigate the matter of decoration of graves in the South, the raising of money for this purpose, and the proper method of procedure; this committee to report to the next national encampment. The following-named comrades will constitute the committee:

Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y., chairman.

W. M. Scott, Atlanta, Ga.

Charles H. Haber, National Soldiers' Home, Virginia.

E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.

A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cos Altenberg, Little Rock, Ark.

William James, Jacksonville, Fla.

XI. At a meeting of the trustees of the permanent fund, Comrade W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected treasurer, and has filed the necessary bond.

XII. Comrade James D. Bell, Brooklyn, N. Y., is appointed a trustee of the permanent fund, to succeed Michael J. Cummings, deceased, and will serve until the next national encampment the remainder of Comrade Cummings's unexpired term.

XIII. Comrade W. A. Ketcham is appointed a member of the committee on rules and regulations, and ritual, vice Comrade Harvey M. Trimble, deceased.

XIV. Department commanders who have not already nominated a comrade for assistant inspector general will send their nomination immediately on receipt of these orders to Comrade Thomas H. Brown, inspector general, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

XV. Dr. John Adams, surgeon general, P. O. box 53, Station A, Cincinnati, Ohio, desires to have all department medical directors communicate with him immediately on receipt of these orders.

XVI. In the great war which has been thrust upon us, money is as essential as men. Our country needs and has called for both. While our fighting days are over, many of us can still help by responding to the call for money. Those who can, should invest every dollar they can spare in Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, or Thrift Stamps. We may not be able to do much, but every dollar will help, and the dollar you loan may be the dollar that wins the war.

## UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING.

XVII. The American people have looked for and expected an expression from our great and most patriotic association—the Grand Army of the Republic—on this momentous question. In its last national encampment, at Boston,

Mass., August, 1917, a resolution favoring universal military training was indefinitely postponed. It was too universal in its provisions.

Since that time we have been strongly urged by patriotic societies and people to commit the Grand Army of the Republic to this principle. All such must await the action and voice of our coming encampment at Portland.

Naked, defenseless, and unprepared—the fruits of our past policies of pacifism—we are drawn into the maelstrom of the world's greatest war. As best we may, we are atoning for our faults, in hurry and haste, in worry and waste. Wisely, we believe, we are now selecting from the fairest fields of American manhood, the choicest fruits to place upon the altar of our country. In view of the vast numbers who have been taken from our industries and are now either on the field of battle or in training and others who are enrolled and subject to draft we do not deem it best, at this time, that still others, upon whom not only our own people but our allies must depend for food, fuel, and munitions, should be diverted from their labors in field, factory, and mine for military training.

We do believe, however, that there should be added to the curriculum of every high school in the land the course of athletics now required in the training camps at our cantonments, and we would make this training compulsory.

XVIII. The following comrades having complied with paragraph VIII, General Orders, No. 2, are hereby appointed aides-de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
ARKANSAS.			DELAWARE.		
Conley, J. H.....	1	Little Rock.	Kelley, William.....	2	Smyrna.
Henderson, F. J.....	104	Gentry.	FLORIDA.		
Ramsey, Charles.....	1	Little Rock.	Chapman, Mathew.....	5	Key West.
Stouteagle, M. C.....	1	Do.	Goff, James.....	34	St. Cloud.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			Harris, Manley S.....	4	Orange Park.
Austin, Joseph.....	190	Dinuba, Cal.	Hawkins, William.....	18	Federal Point.
Baker, S. F.....	52	Santa Barbara.	Teter, George.....	2	Lynn Haven.
Beighey, Henry.....	198	Inglewood.	IDAHO.		
Billings, Henry M.....	82	Los Gatos.	Frederic, John W.....	19	Coeur d'Alene.
Blakeslee, L. A.....	69	Reno, Nev.	Page, F. T.....	26	Weiser.
Carlton, D. D.....	170	Riverside, Cal.	ILLINOIS.		
Clark, C. Henry.....	170	Tujunga.	Campbell, Robt. M.....	67	Peoria.
Cressey, Fred'k J.....	55	Los Angeles.	Hoover, J. C.....	182	Lincoln.
Davis, Edward.....	57	San Bernardino.	Poulsen, Frederick.....	667	La Grange.
Durfee, E. C.....	52	Santa Barbara.	Rheymer, F. J.....	444	Blue Island.
Force, Jacob F.....	93	Pasadena.	INDIANA.		
Haines, T. L.....	196	Turlock.	Alexander, G. W.....	17	Indianapolis.
Hassinger, J. C.....	52	Santa Barbara.	Beaber, D. L.....	271	Fort Wayne.
Holabird, Wm. H.....	55	Los Angeles.	Beidler, Frank W.....	52	Waterloo.
Hovey, George A.....	179	Pacific Grove.	Bell, James M.....	50	Galveston.
Kellogg, George D.....	71	Newcastle.	Boley, Albert.....	39	Marion.
Kyle, D. P.....	200	Los Angeles.	Bozarth, Nelson J.....	106	Valparaiso.
Lawrence, Wm. H.....	82	Los Gatos.	Bragg, Alfred O.....	103	Sheridan.
Le Febvre, Edw. C.....	1	San Francisco.	Buchanan, A. J.....	30	Indianapolis.
McElroy, Walter.....	88	South Berkeley.	Butler, Mahlon D.....	17	Do.
Magrath, C. S.....	200	Los Angeles.	Canfield, H. R.....	3	Lafayette.
Martin, Russell C.....	6	Do.	Carter, Vinson.....	17	Indianapolis.
Metcalf, T. A.....	127	Bakersfield.	Carver, Orville.....	150	Angola.
Quackenbush, C.....	33	San Diego.	Crain, J. E.....	14	National Soldiers'
Riley, James H.....	48	San Francisco.			Home, Wis.
Robinson, Chas. H.....	153	Sawtelle.	De Hart, R. P.....	3	Lafayette.
Sarle, Richard A.....	2	San Francisco.	Dunning, Jesse L.....	125	Ligonier.
Snyder, Z. T.....	185	San Pedro.	Edsall, Jasper.....	40	Fort Wayne.
Steele, Walter C.....	23	Stockton.	Emehiser, John D.....	56	Peru.
Stone, Thomas J.....	196	San Jose.	Fisher, W. H.....	30	Kokomo.
Stoner, C. C.....	138	Orange.	Garrigus, Milton.....	30	Do.
Sutton, S. W.....	17	Santa Ana.	Herron, W. P.....	7	Crawfordsville.
Thompson, Wesley.....	55	Huntington Park.	Heiskell, Wm. L.....	17	Indianapolis.
Thompson, Wm.....	143	Escondido.	Hoffman, John H.....	125	Ligonier.
Van Horne, J. W.....	6	Los Angeles.	House, Ellis.....	552	Bicknell.
Vining, A. J.....	2	San Francisco.	Kickley, Joseph.....	40	Fort Wayne.
Ward, Sampson L.....		San Diego.	Lambert, J. N.....	17	Indianapolis.
Waterman, W. A.....	33	La Mesa.			
Wood, J. G.....		Redlands.			
CONNECTICUT.					
Sternberg, Wm. F.....	11	New Britain.			

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
INDIANA—continued.			MASSACHUSETTS—con.		
Leich, August.....	27	Evansville.	King, David.....	15	Boston.
Lingenfelter, A.....	17	Indianapolis.	Lee, Francis B.....	31	Scituate.
McConnell, D. B.....	114	Logansport.	Lewis, John B.....	113	Boston.
McIntosh, Wm. H.....	67	Auburn.	Libbey, Eugene M.....	5	Lynn.
Melcher, John A.....	56	Peru.	Little, George W.....	26	Brookline.
Murphy, Alonzo.....	5	Greensburg.	Lynds, George H.....	71	Holyoke.
Murphy, George.....	111	Morocco.	McGrath, John.....	7	Roslindale.
Rankin, Oscar.....	329	Terre Haute.	Miles, Fernando.....	186	Arlington Hts.
Nicar, Edwin.....	8	South Bend.	Montgomery, Thos.....	30	Cambridge.
Neff, Jesse.....	42	Lebanon.	Moore, Joseph A.....	45	Gloucester.
Newsom, Eli.....	589	Lafayette.	Crocker, E. C.....	117	Medfield.
Riddle, Wm. W.....	505	Kendallville.	Curran, John J.....	39	Lawrence.
Roach, J. B.....	51	Monticello.	Bailey, George E.....	14	Hopkinton.
Sailors, H. M.....	30	Kokomo.	Dame, Albert L.....	127	South Hanson.
Schreeder, C. C.....	27	Evansville.	Dearborn, S. B.....	12	Wakefield.
Seller, Cyrus.....	193	Elkhart.	Dusseault, John H.....	139	Somerville.
Speer, Isaac.....	52	Waterloo.	Edsell, John D.....	116	Gardner.
Stern, Wm. H.....	133	Noblesville.	Foreman, William.....	169	Norwood.
Strouse, David.....	9	Rockville.	Frothingham, E. G.....	47	Haverhill.
Summers, Geo. W.....	209	Indianapolis.	Gammons, Edw. A.....	208	Wareham.
Taylor, Alvah.....	6	Wabash.	Getchell, Cyrus.....	145	Attleboro.
Truax, Edwin.....	30	Kokomo.	Giles, J. Frank.....	132	South Sandwich.
Van Pelt, F. M.....	244	Anderson.	Gilman, Albert I.....	185	Lowell.
Wade, I. S.....	3	Lafayette.	Good, John.....	30	Cambridge.
Watts, I.....	62	Winchester.	Greene, George M.....	22	Milford.
White, Daniel.....	3	Lafayette.	Greene, James H.....	2	Brookline.
Widney, O. H.....	67	Auburn.	Hamilton, Henry C.....	170	Mansfield.
Willis, M. B.....	67	Do.	Harper, John H.....	74	Rockland.
IOWA.			Hersey, Jason B.....	74	Do.
Betz, John B.....	145	Ladora.	Munroe, John.....	108	Georgetown.
Butterfield, D. G.....	92	De Witt.	Newell, Daniel W.....	130	Medway.
Cowles, D. B.....	18	Chariton.	Newhall, Charles.....	90	Danvers.
Gantz, J. B.....	19	Fairfield.	Nickerson, Albert A.....	35	Chelsea.
Gillespie, J. F.....	31	Nevada.	Pierce, Charles E.....	113	South Boston.
Graham, J. D.....	29	Council Bluffs.	Pond, Henry A.....	22	Milford.
Lenon, P. H.....	50	Guthrie Center.	Pratt, George W.....	72	Stoughton.
McNeill, J. F.....	40	Oskaloosa.	Rollins, Elisha E.....	121	Hyde Park.
Shepherd, Thos. A.....	22	Sioux City.	Rouillard, George.....	56	Revere.
Smith, Frank W.....	1	Davenport.	Ryan, John.....	62	West Newton.
Toombs, J. P.....	100	Bloomfield.	Sanborn, Alfred G.....	143	Brookline.
West, P. B.....	102	Magnolia.	Sawyer, John W.....	5	Revere.
MAINE.			Tappan, Alonzo L.....	146	Haverhill.
Merriam, Henry E.....	6	Gardiner.	Thompson, Charles.....	75	Stoneham.
Spaulding, Albert S.....	2	Portland.	Underwood, N. C.....	141	Harwich.
MICHIGAN.			Upton, Augustine.....	5	East Saugus.
Havens, Edwin R.....	42	Lansing.	Weston, R. L.....	94	Canton.
Mason, W. H.....	174	Hancock.	Willey, J. Otis.....	5	Lynn.
reston, W. A.....	21	St. Joseph.	Wright, Henry E.....	1	Somerville.
MINNESOTA.			MISSOURI.		
Danforth, J. N.....	4	Minneapolis.	Rechow, T. G.....	149	Bolivar.
Deline, William F.....	92	Cannon Falls.	Whipple, A.....	1	St. Louis.
Donohoe, James R.....	21	St. Paul.	NEBRASKA.		
Hall, Darwin S.....	190	Olivia.	Baker, Theo.....	40	Ord.
Jewett, J. G.....	18	Fairmont.	Blanchard, R. H.....	227	Chadron.
Rickerman, George.....	95	Pipestone City.	Chase, G. B.....	81	Juniata.
Steffler, Joseph.....	163	Minneapolis.	Galley, James H.....	9	Columbus.
Wells, J. W.....	2	Anoka.	Goff, J. W.....	4	Fremont.
MASSACHUSETTS.			Smith, F. J.....	273	Leigh.
Atwood, J. Murray.....	35	Plymouth.	Ward, O. S.....	25	Lincoln.
Austin, J. Everett.....	34	Salem.	Whiffen, Thos. U.....		De Witt.
Bailey, Alvin R.....	11	Newton.	NEW JERSEY.		
Bailey, Henry J.....	22	Milford.	Cannon, Joseph A.....	64	Elizabeth.
Balch, Hiram T.....	49	Newburyport.	Cole, John H.....	61	Little Silver
Benjamin, Wm. H.....	81	Watertown.	Hoos, Charles H.....	44	Jersey City Heights
Brackett, John A.....	146	Lawrence.	Keenan, H. Clay.....	38	Jersey City.
Bright, Albert W.....	143	Brookline.	Mullen, Stephen R.....	24	Summit.
Brookings, Samuel.....	49	Newburyport.	Newton, A. H.....	51	Camden.
Brown, William H.....	82	Marblehead.	Smith, H. Craig.....	73	Plainfield.
Bunton, Henry S.....	121	Hyde Park.	Stillwell, Aaron.....	57	South Amboy.
Bush, Mansel H.....	191	Dorchester.	Trenchard, Jas. M.....	42	Bridgeton.
Cook, Thomas W.....	1	New Bedford.	Van Horn, James.....	11	Newark.
Houghton, Chas. S.....	53	Leominster.	NEW YORK.		
Howe, Wm. H. H.....	56	Cambridge.	Beisheim, Justus.....	106	Rochester.
Irons, Joseph S.....	15	Everett.	Hughes, M. L.....	391	Do.
			Kingston, Richard.....	409	Do.



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NEW YORK—continued.			PENNSYLVANIA—con.		
Lent, George A.....	397	Rochester.	McCullough, D. G.....	62	Altoona.
Parsons, Birt F.....	327	Brooklyn.	McElroy, Samuel.....	88	Pittsburgh.
Putney, Simeon F.....	16	Cleveland.	McKilveen, W. H.....	180	Uniontown.
Scott, Thomas R.....	151	Syracuse.	Moore, Wm. M. H.....	116	Harrisburg.
Stedman, Francis B.....	140	New York.	Morris, W. D.....	109	Plymouth.
Thom, David.....	394	Do.	Woy, John.....	30	Johnstown.
Wanner, Louis.....	16	Cleveland.			
OHIO.			POTOMAC.		
Burch, H. D.....	71	Hebron.	Hawthorn, Wm.....	15	Washington, D. C.
Deaton, Van S.....	159	Troy.	Worden, C. H.....	6	Do.
McKee, Wm. R.....	159	Do.			
Reimer, J. D.....	265	Wadsworth.	RHODE ISLAND.		
Rogers, John W.....	151	Liberty Center.	Hedley, Wm. H.....	1	Providence.
Southworth, M. M.....	729	Alliance.	McKay, Robert G.....	10	Do.
Strickler, A. D.....	212	Lebanon.	Nevins, John R.....	1	Do.
Van Fossen, R. D.....	44	East Liverpool.	Skinner, Zophar.....	3	Valley Falls.
OKLAHOMA.			SOUTH DAKOTA.		
Brown, F. A.....	40	Shawnee.	Breidenbach, John.....	19	Aberdeen.
O'Donald, Wayne.....	1	Oklahoma City.	Carr, Walter H.....	31	Hurley.
			Davis, John E.....	21	Lennox.
PENNSYLVANIA.			WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.		
Arensberg, C. C.....	259	Oakmont.			
Bair, C. G.....	106	Pottstown.	King, S. S.....	6	Tacoma.
Bishop, Wm. T.....	116	Harrisburg.			
Boyer, Jerome L.....	16	Reading.	WEST VIRGINIA.		
Burnwood, W. S.....	21	Philadelphia.	Baldwin, F. W. H.....	21	Moundsville.
Deininger, Chas. P.....	114	Do.			
Ellis, Charles O.....	187	Carbondale.	WISCONSIN.		
Fries, Winslow J.....	94	Philadelphia.	Beitler, Lewis.....	134	Bloomington.
Knox, Wm. C.....	324	Ligonier.			
Kreider, J. S.....	42	Lebanon.			
Langham, John, jr.....	2	Pitman, N. J.			
Little, John.....	157	Pittsburgh.			

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
Commander in Chief.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
Adjutant General.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Harvey M. Trimble, past commander in chief, died at his home in Princeton, Ill., January 10, 1918, aged 76 years. Comrade Trimble enlisted as private in Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Infantry, August 21, 1862. He was promoted sergeant major of the regiment, September 8, 1862, and became adjutant of the regiment, April 13, 1864. He served as assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, Third Division, Fifteenth Army Corps from March 26, 1865 until April 26, 1865, when he was transferred to the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, with which he served until May 31, 1865. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., June 23, 1865.

Comrade Trimble was elected commander of the Department of Illinois in 1902, and in August, 1911, at Rochester, N. Y., was elected commander in chief.

Comrade Ephriam B. Stillings, past junior vice commander in chief, died at his home in Somerville, Mass., December 30, 1917, aged 71 years. He enlisted as private in Company B, Forty-sixth Massachusetts Infantry, August 21, 1862, for nine months and was discharged June 2, 1863, at Newbern, N. C. He re-enlisted the same day as private in Company A, Second Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and was mustered out at Gallop's Island, Boston Harbor, September 3, 1865.



Comrade Stillings was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar and at the Thirty-ninth National Encampment held in Denver in September, 1905, he was elected junior vice commander in chief to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of the senior and junior vice commanders in chief on the death of Commander in Chief Blackmar. Comrade Stillings was appointed adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief Gilman in 1911, and was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief Patterson in 1916.

Comrade Thomas R. Gockel, commander of the Department of Alabama, in 1909, died at his home in Woodlawn, Ala., December 25, 1917. He served nearly four years in the First Kentucky Artillery during the Civil War and was mustered out as first lieutenant.

The Department of Arizona reports the deaths of Comrade James A. Doran, commander of the Department of Arizona in 1908, and Comrade Prosper P. Parker, commander of the Department of Arizona in 1901, but has not furnished us with any information as to the service of the comrades.

Comrade A. Y. Killingsworth, commander of the Department of Arkansas in 1909, died at his home in Siloam Springs, Ark., June 30, 1917, aged 71 years. Comrade Killingsworth served during the Civil War more than two years in the Second Arkansas Volunteer Infantry.

Comrade John W. Lane, commander of the Department of Arkansas in 1906, died at his home in Siloam Springs, Ark., October 24, 1917, aged 85 years. He served for three years during the Civil war as chaplain of the Eightieth Illinois Infantry.

Comrade William T. Riley, commander of the Department of Idaho in 1890, died at his home in San Diego, Cal., August 10, 1917. He enlisted as private in the Eighty-sixth New York Infantry, October 17, 1861, and was discharged October 21, 1864; reenlisted March 22, 1865, in the Fifth Regiment Hancock's Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged March 21, 1866. At the time of his death he was a member of Post No. 33, Department of California and Nevada, but still retained his membership in the Idaho Encampment.

Comrade R. H. Mellette, commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1907, died in Sawtelle, Cal., December 30, 1917. He served during the Civil War in the United States Navy, as seaman. He transferred his membership from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming and became a member of the Encampment of California and Nevada some years ago.

Comrade J. P. Cummings, commander of the Department of Oklahoma in 1894, died at his home in Santa Rosa, Cal., March 2, 1918. He served in the Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Four years ago he became a member of the Encampment of California and Nevada by transfer.

Comrade John C. Kennedy, commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1892, died at his home in Denver, Colo., January 6, 1918, aged 75 years. He served as captain in the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War and was for several years adjutant general of the State of Colorado.

Comrade George W. Curfman, commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1905, died March 8, 1918. He served during the Civil War in the Third Iowa Cavalry.

Comrade William C. Hillard, commander of the Department of Connecticut in 1904, died at his home in New Britain, Conn., January 1, 1918, aged 74 years. He enlisted July 28, 1862, in Company E, Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, captured June 15, 1863, at Winchester, Va., confined in Libby Prison and paroled July 14, 1863. Comrade Hillard was wounded July 28, 1864, at Winchester, Va., discharged from the hospital December 3, 1864, reenlisted as hospital steward, United States Army, and was finally discharged at New Orleans, La., November 26, 1865.

Comrade William N. Siggins, commander of the Department of Florida in 1913, died in Detroit, Mich., March 1, 1918. He enlisted as musician in Company G, Ninth Michigan Infantry, August 15, 1861, and was discharged December 23, 1862, to reenlist in Company D, First Battery. He was mustered out October 16, 1864.

Comrade Frank F. Goss, commander of the Department of Maine in 1907, died at his home in Auburn, Me., December 6, 1917. He served in Company E, Fifth Maine Volunteer Infantry from its organization, December 22, 1861, until transferred to Company B, First Maine Veteran Infantry, December 28, 1863, and was a corporal at the time of his discharge, June 28, 1865.

Comrade A. B. Farnham, commander of Maine in 1882, died at his home in Bangor, Me., January 14, 1918, aged 76 years. He was lieutenant colonel of the Sixteenth Maine Volunteer Infantry serving throughout the Civil War. He was brevetted colonel for gallantry at the battles of Five Forks and Gravelly Run and served as chief of staff for Gen. G. K. Warren in command of the Fifth Army Corps. Comrade Farnham served as adjutant general of the State of Maine for many years.

Comrade John F. Diener, commander of the Department of Nebraska in 1910, died at his home in Lincoln, Nebr., January 23, 1918, aged 72 years. He enlisted June 30, 1863, as private in Company C, Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry and was discharged October 30, 1863. He reenlisted February 2, 1864, as private in Company F, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry and was discharged August 23, 1865.

Comrade Solomon W. Russell, commander of the Department of New York in 1916, died at his home in Salem, N. Y., October 18, 1917, aged 81 years. Comrade Russell was mustered in as captain of Company A, Seventh New York Cavalry, on September 7, 1861. He resigned therefrom and later became adjutant of the Forty-ninth New York Infantry and was promoted to captain and major, and was mustered out of service in June, 1865.

Comrade Michael J. Cummings, commander of the Department of New York in 1909, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 3, 1918, aged 70 years. He enlisted as private in Company B, Forty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry, January 12, 1863, and was discharged as sergeant major at the close of the war. At the time of his death he was serving as chairman of the board of trustees of the permanent fund of the national encampment.

Comrade Daniel F. Siegfried, commander of the Department of North Dakota in 1904, died at his home in Fargo, N. Dak., January 8, 1918, aged 72 years. He enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

Comrade Joseph R. Johnston, commander of the Department of Ohio in 1911, died at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, November 2, 1917, aged 77 years. He enlisted in August, 1861, as private in Company E, Second Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and two years later was promoted to second lieutenant and transferred to the Twenty-fifth Battery Ohio Light Artillery.

Comrade Henry J. Spooner, commander of the Department of Rhode Island in 1877, died at his home in Providence, R. I., February 9, 1918, aged 78 years. He served in the Fourth Rhode Island Infantry as second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and adjutant from August, 1862, to February, 1865.

Comrade Gideon Spencer, commander of the Department of Rhode Island in 1888, died at his home in Cowesett, R. I., March 3, 1918, aged 74 years. He enlisted as private in Battery D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, September 4, 1861, and was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant major. He reenlisted January 31, 1864; was commissioned second lieutenant in Battery D, April 26, 1864. May 16, 1865, he was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to Battery F of the same regiment and was mustered out July 7, 1865.

Comrade T. C. Iliff, commander of the Department of Utah in 1894, died at his home in Denver, Colo., February 22, 1918, aged 72 years. He enlisted as private in company G, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged as sergeant from Company A, Ninth Ohio Cavalry, July 20, 1865. Comrade Iliff was elected chaplain in chief in 1895.

Comrade Maurice M. Kaighn, commander of the Department of Utah in 1899, died at his home in Salt Lake City, August 20, 1917. Comrade Kaighn enlisted as corporal in Company F, One hundred and ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, July 18, 1864, and was mustered out November 11, 1864.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
*Indianapolis, Ind., July 9, 1918.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 5.

I. The commander in chief is pleased to announce the passage of the Smoot pension bill, which was signed by the President on June 10, 1918. This increase of pension will make it possible for many of our comrades to have the necessities which they have been unable to procure with their smaller pension. The Smoot bill provides for a minimum pension of \$30 a month and a maximum pension of \$40. The gratitude of the members of our organization is due in particular to Hon. Reed Smoot, member of the Senate Committee on Pensions, and to the committee on legislation of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have labored under great difficulties to gain the increase so sorely needed by many of our comrades. Our thanks are particularly due to Hon. Washington Gardner, past commander in chief and chairman of our committee on legislation, who spent weeks in Washington, calling on Members of the House and Senate, and whose experience for years as a Member of the House stood him in good stead at this time.

II. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 4, the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Portland, Oreg., August 18 to 24, 1918.

III. Detailed program of events and entertainment may be secured from local committees on arrival in Portland.

IV. National headquarters will be temporarily established at the Hotel Multnomah, Friday, August 16, 1917.

V. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Tuesday morning, August 20, at 10 o'clock. The formation of the parade and the route will be announced in later general orders.

VI. In accordance with the previous action of the executive committee, approved by the national encampment, only veterans of the Civil War who are associated with posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be allowed to participate in the parade, and the necessary bands and the Sons of Veterans, which organization is by action of the forty-fifth national encampment the official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

VII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and no caricatures, such as representations of "Uncle Sam," etc., will be allowed in the parade. Department commanders are directed to see that these orders are obeyed by their respective departments.

VIII. No flags or standards, except the National, State, department, and post flags and guidons will be allowed in the parade.

IX. Comrade Milton Garrigus, Post No. 30, Kokomo, Ind., is hereby detailed as national color bearer and Comrade John Little, Post No. 157, Pittsburgh, Pa., is hereby detailed as headquarters color bearer for the parade.

X. The semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies will be held in the Auditorium Monday evening at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a welcome will be extended by the governor of Oregon, the mayor of Portland, and the department commander of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic. Greetings will be extended by the national president of the Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the national president of the Daughters of Veterans, to which greetings, responses will be made by past commanders in chief.

XI. Tuesday evening, August 20, a camp fire will be held in the Auditorium.

XII. The first business session of the encampment will convene in the Auditorium, Wednesday, August 21, at 10 a. m.

XIII. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters Sunday, August 18, at 2.30 p. m.

XIV. The national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Hotel Multnomah, Monday, August 19, at 1.30 p. m.

XV. Department commanders are requested to notify the adjutant general immediately on receipt of these orders of the probable time of arrival of their respective departments in Portland and location of department headquarters.

XVI. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 8 p. m. Tuesday, August 20, the name of their representative on the committee on resolutions and their nomination for the national council of administration.

XVII. Reunions will be held at such times as the various regimental associations may arrange with the Portland committee.

XVIII. The Commissioner of Pensions, with a corps of assistants, will be located during the encampment at the Hotel Multnomah, where they will be glad to answer any questions and give all desired information in regard to pensions.

XIX. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied societies will be located during the national encampment, as follows:

Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Multnomah.

Army Nurses of the Civil War, Hotel Nortonia.

Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Multnomah.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Imperial.

Daughters of Veterans, Benson Hotel.

XX. Comrades desiring accommodations at the national encampment may secure reservations by writing Frank McCrillis, secretary of the encampment committee, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oreg.

XXI. As previously announced, the rate of 1 cent a mile has been granted for tickets to the national encampment. This rate applies only to members in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and members of their families who may accompany them to the national encampment.

Since the order was issued, giving us the 1-cent-a-mile rate, an order has been issued, making an increase of one-half cent a mile above the normal rate to all who travel in Pullman cars. This order has been interpreted by Mr. Gerritt Fort, assistant director of the Division of Traffic, as applying to the rate granted to us. If this interpretation is to stand, it will increase our rate 50 per cent, and would therefore nullify the rate of 1 cent a mile, as the age of our members makes the use of sleeping cars a necessity to them. We do not believe Mr. Fort's interpretation is warranted. It would be a breach of faith which we do not believe was intended by Mr. McAdoo, and we are endeavoring to reach him and to have him confirm to us the rate of 1 cent a mile.

Tickets will be good for 60 days from date of sale, and those attending the encampment are offered various routes, the route chosen governing the fare. Tickets may be bought as early as August 1. The usual stop-over privileges will be allowed. Choice of routes from Chicago is offered, as follows:

Via:

St. Paul and Spokane.

St. Paul and Seattle.

Huntington and Union Pacific System.

St. Louis, Huntington, and Union Pacific System.

Albuquerque, Ogden, or Salt Lake City.

Duluth and Spokane.

Duluth and Seattle.

Billings and Spokane.

St. Louis, Billings, and Spokane.

Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Tickets may read for one route going and returning another route, or for return the same route, except that tickets may not read both ways through California. Tickets may not be bought for travel over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway, or Canadian Northern Railway.

XXII. The following committee on credentials is hereby announced:

Robert W. McBride, adjutant general, chairman.

C. A. Williams, assistant adjutant general.

S. P. Town, assistant adjutant general, Department of Pennsylvania.

W. S. Matthews, assistant adjutant general, Department of Ohio.

Orton S. Clark, assistant adjutant general, department of Minnesota.

William C. Peckham, assistant adjutant general, Department of New York.

W. H. Comstock, assistant adjutant general, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.



This committee will meet at national headquarters, Hotel Multnomah, Monday, August 19, at 10 a. m. and 2.30 p. m., and Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p. m.

XXIII. Comrades George A. Price, John B. Inman, and Harry L. Beach are hereby appointed a committee to audit the books of the quartermaster general. They will report to the national council of administration at its meeting Monday, August 19, at 1.30 p. m.

XXIV. Department commanders will report to Comrade George A. Hosley, chief of staff, at national headquarters, Monday, August 19, at 5 p. m., for instructions concerning the parade.

XXV. The following amendment to the Rules and Regulations has been proposed by the Department of Connecticut:

"Chapter III, Article II, paragraph 4, amended to read: 'The number of representatives to which each post is entitled shall be determined by the annual report last preceding election.'"

XXVI. We are in receipt of a copy of an Executive order issued by Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, which reads as follows:

"It is hereby ordered that all veterans of the Civil War in the service of the Government of the United States who desire to attend the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Portland, Oreg., August 18 to 24, 1918, shall be granted leave of absence with pay, in addition to the annual leave provided for by statute, from August 18 to 24, inclusive, that they may have the opportunity to attend the encampment, and that they be granted as many more days additional leave with pay in each case as are necessary for the journey to Portland and return to their posts of duty."

XXVII. A meeting of the Volunteer Officers' Retirement List Association will be held in the courthouse, Portland, Oreg., Tuesday, August 20, 1918, at 5 p. m.

XXVIII. Upon the recommendation of Comrade Thomas H. Brown, inspector general, the following comrades are appointed assistant inspectors general:

Arkansas: John H. Avery, Hot Springs.  
 California and Nevada: W. J. Ennis, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Connecticut: Charles Fenton, Willimantic.  
 Illinois: B. F. Herrington, Yorkville.  
 Indiana: Wilbur E. Gorsuch, South Bend.  
 Iowa: J. F. Grawe, Waverly.  
 Kentucky: C. B. Mitchell, Owensboro.  
 Maine: Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg.  
 Massachusetts: Eugene D. Sanborn, Boston.  
 Missouri: A. Whipple, St. Louis.  
 Nebraska: Q. C. Bell, Lincoln.  
 New Jersey: William W. Mendell, Cranford.  
 New York: George O. Jenny, Brooklyn.  
 Ohio: L. C. Merrifield, Cleveland.  
 Oregon: D. R. Andrus, Medford.  
 Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.  
 Rhode Island: Calvin H. Richmond, North Providence.  
 South Dakota: J. E. Davis, Lennox.  
 Wisconsin: George O. Pietzsch, Monroe.

XXIX. The following comrades, having complied with paragraph VIII, General Orders, No. 2, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
ALABAMA.			CONNECTICUT.		
Mitchell, Andrew D....	1	Haleyville.	Babson, Henry W.....	27	Danielson.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			Graves, DeWitt C.....	2	Hartford.
Carnduff, F. F.....	23	Biggs.	Pendleton, Eugene A...	49	Waterbury.
Emich, Uriah H.....	170	Glendale.	GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.		
Kelly, Edward.....	171	Veterans' Home.	Werner, J. B.....	17	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Lyon, John L.....	50	Oakland.	ILLINOIS.		
Martin, S. Wesley.....	50	Do.	Cummings, E. A.....	276	Oak Park.
Prothero, Thomas.....	8	Do.	Doll, Horatio B.....	67	Peoria.



Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
ILLINOIS—continued.			NEBRASKA.		
Garrard, Charles T. ....	706	Chicago.	Morgan, John F. ....	434	Alma.
Hiser, George W. ....	240	Lexington.	MISSOURI.		
Howison, George. ....	91	Chicago.	Richards, O. S. ....	4	Kansas City.
Lake, Lewis F. ....	1	Rockford.	Wells, David L. ....	4	Do.
McKenney, O. R. ....	40	Chicago.	OHIO.		
Mason, George. ....	5	Do.	Cutter, L. J. ....	178	Marietta.
Munger, Orett L. ....	5	Do.	Sadler, John. ....	1	Columbus.
Robbins, Walter R. ....	5	Do.	OREGON.		
Tuthill, Richard S. ....	28	Evanston.	Allen, B. F. ....	14	Astoria.
Umbdenstock, M. ....	706	Chicago.	Brooks, W. H. ....	77	Newberg.
Vaughan, C. E. ....	91	Do.	Courtney, J. E. ....	1	Portland.
Wright, Wm. P. ....	91	Do.	Derby, Louis P. ....	18	Union.
INDIANA.			Faulkner, Wm. C. ....	10	Salem.
Baker, Thomas D. ....	103	Sheridan.	Sox, E. F. ....	5	Albany.
Crockett, Elmer. ....	579	South Bend.	Walker, Cyrus H. ....	5	Do.
Ditmars, R. V. ....	127	Franklin.	PENNSYLVANIA.		
Dorste, Robert. ....	244	Anderson.	McAllister, Theodore ...	9	Gettysburg.
Gard, Oliver. ....	65	Frankfort.	Morgan, Joshua. ....	18	Philadelphia.
Heaston, Israel H. ....	137	Huntington.	Ruhe, C. H. Wm. ....	3	Swissvale.
Hess, Alexander. ....	6	Wabash.	RHODE ISLAND.		
Justus, M. M. ....	33	Bluffton.	Ford, George W. ....	25	Providence.
Livesey, John C. ....	148	Newcastle.	Gates, Theodore N. ....	20	East Providence.
Mershon, W. H. ....	23	Marion.	Pollard, R. M. ....	17	Pawtucket.
Ristine, Theodore H. ....	7	Crawfordsville.	WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.		
Short, Luther. ....	127	Kraftstown.	Goode, Wm. J. ....	31	Issaquah.
Shinn, Benjamin G. ....	227	Hartford City.	Scott, James R. ....	1	Seattle.
Steele, Charles. ....	579	South Bend.	WISCONSIN.		
Wilson, W. D. ....	281	Indianapolis.	Culton, W. H. ....	34	Whitewater.
KANSAS.			Earnshaw, A. G. ....	170	Nebegamoo.
Wingrove, Charles. ....	88	Clay Center.	Grinnell, W. F. ....	54	Beloit.
MASSACHUSETTS.			Wardrobe, Fred. ....	19	Waukesha.
Coppins, George T. ....	191	Newton.			
Frampton, Robert L. ....	121	Hyde Park.			
Hart, William. ....	10	Worcester.			
O'Reilly, Francis J. ....	56	Cambridge.			
Prentice, Theodore P. ....	56	Belmont.			
Welch, John. ....	92	Brighton.			
MICHIGAN.					
Troutt, James A. ....	343	Sault Ste. Marie.			

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMFRS,  
Commander in Chief.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
Adjutant General.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade William Snyder, past commander of the Department of Alabama, died at his home in Greencastle, Pa., June 17, 1918, aged 83 years. He enlisted as sergeant in Company K, One hundred and twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, August 6, 1862, and was discharged as first sergeant May 1, 1863. Comrade Snyder was elected department commander in 1892.

Comrade George T. Grinstead, past commander of the Department of Kentucky, died at his home in Waco, Ky., August 7, 1917. Comrade Grinstead served during the war in Company F, Eighth Kentucky Infantry. He was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Department of Kentucky in 1897 and was elected department commander in 1906.

Comrade R. R. Pealer, past commander of the Department of Michigan, died at his home in Three Rivers, Mich., March 7, 1918, aged 76 years. He enlisted

September 9, 1862, as private in Company E, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was promoted for meritorious conduct through all the grades to that of first lieutenant, and was recommended for promotion to captain, but was not commissioned, owing to the close of the war. He was discharged from the service August 11, 1865. Comrade Pealer was elected department commander in 1899 and served as judge advocate general on the staff of Commander in Chief Van Sant.

Comrade Joseph Hare, past commander of the Department of North Dakota, died at his home in Bismark, N. Dak., February 10, 1918, aged 76 years. He enlisted June 23, 1862, in the Sixth Minnesota Infantry and was discharged in May, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1905.

Comrade Philip S. Chase, assistant adjutant general and past commander of the Department of Rhode Island, died at his home in Providence, R. I., April 3, 1918. Comrade Chase enlisted October 7, 1861, in Battery F, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, as private; was promoted to sergeant; and May 14, 1863, was commissioned second lieutenant, and for part of the time in 1864 was in command of the battery. He was mustered out November 2, 1864. Comrade Chase was elected department commander in 1883 and in 1893 was appointed assistant adjutant general of the department, which office he held at the time of his death.

Comrade John T. Wilder, past commander of the Department of Tennessee, died at Jacksonville, Fla., October 20, 1917, aged 87 years. He enlisted April 21, 1861, as private in Company A, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and was discharged at the close of the war as colonel and brevet brigadier general. Gen. Wilder was elected department commander in 1906.

Comrade Henry Page, past commander of the Department of Utah, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, April 13, 1918, aged 82 years. He enlisted May 8, 1861, as private in the Eleventh Massachusetts Infantry, was promoted to second lieutenant September 10, 1861; captain and assistant quartermaster, United States Volunteers, November 26, 1862; and was discharged July 17, 1867. Was breveted colonel March 13, 1865, for faithful and meritorious services during the war. In 1898 Comrade Page was commissioned major by President McKinley and served during the campaign in Cuba. He was elected department commander in 1890.

Comrade Charles T. Reed, past commander of the Department of West Virginia, died at his home in Wheeling, W. Va., October 19, 1917, aged 76 years. He enlisted in 1861 in a Maryland battery of Field Artillery and served until the close of the war. Comrade Reed was elected department commander in 1915.

Comrade John M. Millan, past commander of the Department of West Virginia, died at his home in Mannington, W. Va., in January, 1918, aged 75 years. He enlisted August 15, 1861, in Battery F, First West Virginia Light Artillery, and served until the close of the war. Comrade Millan was elected department commander in 1913.

#### WARNING.

George V. Hazzard, who served in an Indiana regiment during the Civil War, is traveling through the West, fleecing the public and in particular members of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is his practice to call on prominent members of Grand Army posts, show his pension certificate, and state that his next pension check is coming in the care of the comrade to whom he is talking, and until it comes, he needs some money. When he has obtained the money, he leaves town and the comrade never sees Hazzard again. One of his latest fields of operation was Helena, Mont. On account of his wounds and crutches, he excites the sympathy of the public and preys upon it, sparing neither friend nor foe.

GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 6.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
Indianapolis, Ind., July 12, 1918.

I. We are pleased to announce that the organizations entitled to the 1-cent rate will not be subject to the surcharge for use of sleeping cars, and felt sure that when the matter was brought to the attention of the Director General the order releasing us from said surcharge would be issued. The adjutant general is just in receipt of the following communication, under date of July 9, from the office of the Director General of Railroads, Washington, D. C.:

JULY 9, 1918.

DEAR SIR: I take great pleasure in advising you, in response to your letter of July 1, that it has been decided that the surcharge for the occupancy of sleeping cars will not be applied to members of the Grand Army of the Republic or Confederate Veterans, and that the total charge for railroad transportation will be 1 cent per mile.

Instructions to this effect will be given the railroads throughout the country at an early date.

Yours very truly,

GERRIT FORT,  
*Assistant Director.*

II. The chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, Mr. E. L. Bevington, has notified us that the certificates to be used in purchasing tickets for Portland are being sent out from Chicago this week to the assistant adjutants general of the various departments, with general instructions for their use.

III. Many inquiries have been received at these headquarters as to who would be allowed to use the certificates. The letter of Director General McAdoo to the commander in chief stipulates that the rate shall apply to "members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and members of their family accompanying them to the national encampment at Portland."

IV. It will be seen from this that the rate will not apply to the following:

1. Veterans of the Civil War who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. Widows of former members of the Grand Army of the Republic, unless they are members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Army Nurses Association, or Daughters of Veterans.

3. Daughters of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic, unless they belong to the organization known as Daughters of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, or Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. Sons of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic, unless they belong to the organization known as Sons of Veterans.

V. Indications are that the railroads will carry out these provisions to the letter, and therefore comrades on the western coast and in other localities who wish to have their sons and daughters, who do not live with them, take advantage of these rates, should advise them to join one of the organizations which is entitled to the one-cent rate, and then there will be no question as to their right to the special rates, when they present their certificates to the railroad agents. The interpretation which seems to be given to "family" is, the immediate members of one's family, who live with one. The restrictions were made by the Director General because he did not wish to give the rates to the general public and only intended to provide for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and other organizations mentioned, and such members of their immediate family as would naturally go with them to the encampment.

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
*Commander in Chief.*

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
*Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 7.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
1224 STATE LIFE BUILDING,  
Indianapolis, Ind., August 10, 1918.

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Fifty-second National Encampment will take place at Portland, Oreg., Tuesday, August 20, 1918.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in column of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distances between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; between files, 4 feet; which distances must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The column will form promptly at 9.15 a. m. and move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by W. J. Hofmann, chairman of the parade committee, to Comrade George A. Hosley, chief of staff, to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. Three guns fired at 10 a. m. will be the signal to march.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on their right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. When the reviewing stand has been passed, they must not attempt to review their commands. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stands, colors will be dipped at 6 paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until 6 paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in the ranks will not salute, but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands and drum corps will cease playing at Fifth and Alder Streets, to be designated by a marker, and will resume playing 100 feet from the reviewing stand, this point also to be designated by a marker, and will continue playing until they reach Taylor Street.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. The bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing. All bands must play when passing the reviewing stand.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the post-office block.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Portland will make an effort to participate in the parade whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. No flags or standards, except the national and State flags and department and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from a staff.

XIV. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions will be excluded from the parade.



XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the column in advance of the national aids-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be found on Mill Street, east and west of Park Street. Comrades unable to march will report to H. L. Pittock, W. B. Conklin, or W. J. Piepenbrink.

XVII. When the column reaches Morrison and Fifth Streets, the commander in chief will leave the column and take his place on the reviewing stand. The other national officers and past commanders in chief will continue in the parade to point of dismissal, and will then return and take their places in the reviewing stand.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aid-de-camp at the Hotel Multnomah at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade for orders.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Hotel Multnomah at 9 a. m. on the day of the parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be 1 mile in length, over asphalt streets, as follows: Starting on Market Street, north on Park Street to Main Street, east on Main Street to Broadway, north on Broadway to Pine Street, east on Pine Street to Fourth Street, south on Fourth Street to Alder Street, west on Alder Street to Sixth Street, south on Sixth Street to Morrison Street, east on Morrison Street to Fourth Street, north on Fourth Street to Salmon, where the parade will disband.

XXI. The line will form as follows:

Platoon of mounted police will form on Market Street, east of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Frank McCrillis commanding, escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, will form on Market Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of police.

Commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief, in the order named, will form on Market Street, east of Broadway, right resting on Broadway.

National aids-de-camp will form on Market Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of past commanders in chief.

The departments will form in order of seniority, as follows:

1. The Department of Illinois, Joseph W. Fifer, commander, will form on Market Street, east of Sixth, right resting on Sixth Street.

2. The Department of Wisconsin, George D. Breed, commander, will form on Market Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on left of the Department of Illinois.

3. The Department of Pennsylvania, J. D. Hicks, commander, will form on Market Street, west of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

4. The Department of Ohio, Dan M. Hall, commander, will form on Market Street, west of Park Street, right resting on left of the Department of Pennsylvania.

5. The Department of New York, Lewis S. Pilcher, commander, will form on Market Street, west of Park Street, right resting on left of the Department of Ohio.

6. The Department of Connecticut, Christian Quien, commander, will form on Market Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on West Park Street.

7. The Department of Massachusetts, Edwin M. Stanley, commander, will form on Market Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on the left of the Department of Connecticut.

8. The Department of New Jersey, George E. Boyd, commander, will form on Market Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on the left of the Department of Massachusetts.

9. The Department of Maine, Fred A. Motley, commander, will form on Market Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on the left of the Department of New Jersey.

10. The Department of California and Nevada, John H. Roberts, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Park Street, right resting on Broadway.

11. The Department of Rhode Island, Murdock C. McKenzie, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Broadway, right resting on Broadway.

12. The Department of New Hampshire, Eugene Wason, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of the Department of Rhode Island.



13. The Department of Vermont, C. T. S. Pierce, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of New Hampshire.

14. The Department of Potomac, Samuel G. Mawson, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Vermont.

15. The Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on Sixth Street.

16. The Department of Maryland, E. Walter Giles, commander, will form on Clay Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on left of Department of Virginia and North Carolina.

17. The Department of Nebraska, Joseph S. Hoagland, commander, will form on Clay Street, west of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

18. The Department of Michigan, David S. Howard, commander, will form on Clay Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on West Park Street.

19. The Department of Iowa, E. J. C. Bealer, commander, will form on Clay Street, west of West Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Michigan.

20. The Department of Indiana, Alonzo A. Murphy, commander, will form on Clay Street, west of Tenth Street, right resting on Tenth Street.

21. The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Asa Curl, commander, will form on Clay Street, west of Tenth Street, right resting on left of Department of Indiana.

22. The Department of Kansas, W. W. Smith, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

23. The Department of Delaware, Orrin J. Cook, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Kansas.

24. The Department of Minnesota, Edwin F. Kenrick, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Delaware.

25. The Department of Missouri, Phil F. Coghlan, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Broadway, right resting on Broadway.

27. The Department of Kentucky, T. A. Casey, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Missouri.

28. The Department of West Virginia, W. T. Cox, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Kentucky.

29. The Department of South Dakota, James S. Sebree, commander, will form on Columbia Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of the Department of West Virginia.

30. The Department of Washington and Alaska, S. F. Street, commander, will form on Columbia Street, west of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

31. The Department of Arkansas, Horace Wyman, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

32. The Department of New Mexico, John W. Terry, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Arkansas.

33. The Department of Utah, J. C. A. Warfield, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Arkansas.

34. The Department of Tennessee, W. F. Roberts, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Utah.

35. The Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, E. T. Gipson, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Tennessee.

36. The Department of Florida, H. B. Jeffries, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Park Street, right resting on left of Department of Louisiana and Mississippi.

37. The Department of Montana, John Marchion, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Broadway, right resting on Broadway.

38. The Department of Texas, Anson Miller, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Montana.

39. The Department of Idaho, F. T. Page, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Texas.

40. The Department of Arizona, Henry H. Farrington, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Idaho.

41. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina, W. P. Randall, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Broadway, right resting on left of Department of Arizona.

42. The Department of Alabama, Isaac W. Higgs, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on Sixth Street.

43. The Department of North Dakota, John W. Carroll, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on left of Department of Alabama.

44. The Department of Oklahoma, F. E. Hills, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, east of Sixth Street, right resting on left of Department of North Dakota.

26. The Department of Oregon, T. H. Stevens, commander, will form on Jefferson Street, west of Park Street, right resting on Park Street.

Carriages for disabled comrades will form on Mill Street, east and west of Park Street.

22. Department commanders will report to the chief of staff in the Peacock Room, Hotel Multnomah, Monday, August 19, at 5 p. m.

Upon the recommendation of Comrade Thomas H. Brown, inspector general, the following comrades are appointed assistant inspectors general:

Alabama: Ephriam E. Quinn, Birmingham.

Georgia and South Carolina: F. A. Jones, Tallapoosa.

Idaho: V. D. Hannah, Caldwell.

Louisiana and Mississippi: John Pierce, New Orleans.

Maryland: Jos. Brooks, Baltimore.

New Mexico: H. B. Steward, Albuquerque.

North Dakota: Henry Beal, Valley City.

Oklahoma: R. M. Roark, Alva.

Tennessee: I. C. Warwick, Knoxville.

Texas: E. J. Kilmer, Corpus Christi.

Washington and Alaska: H. N. Blakeslee, Seattle.

Montana: E. W. Waterbury, Anaconda.

XXII. The following comrades, having complied with Paragraph VIII, General Orders No. 2, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name.	Post.	Address.	Name.	Post.	Address.
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.			KANSAS—continued.		
Carnduff, Frank.....	23	Biggs, Cal.	Mitchell, W. H.....	17	Hutchinson.
CONNECTICUT.			Schad, Henry.....	25	Wichita.
Platt, C. L.....	12	Norwalk.	Watson, John M.....	53	Frankfort.
ILLINOIS.			NEW JERSEY.		
Diffley, M. W.....	706	Chicago.	Ball, Abram.....	88	South Orange.
Doll, H. B.....	67	Peoria.	Essix, David.....	1	Kearny.
INDIANA.			RHODE ISLAND.		
Kline, Henry J.....	406	Upland.	Ford, George W.....	25	Providence.
KANSAS.			WISCONSIN.		
Cashner, James W.....	463	Kansas City, Mo.	Fisher, E. A.....	34	Whitewater.
Mitchell, A. J.....	433	Gove.			

By command of

ORLANDO A. SOMERS,  
Commander in Chief.

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,  
Adjutant General.





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### IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade James Coey, past junior vice commander in chief, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal., July 14, 1918, aged 77 years. He enlisted August 21, 1862, as a private in Company E, One hundred and forty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, and was successively promoted to first lieutenant, captain, major, and lieutenant colonel in the same regiment. He received a medal of honor from Congress for distinguished bravery in the Battle of Hatcher's Run, Va., and was discharged from the United States service June 7, 1865. Comrade Coey was elected commander of the Department of California and Nevada in 1869 and was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1870.

Comrade Newton Clark, past commander of the Department of Oregon, died at his home in Hood River, Oreg., June 21, 1918, aged 80 years. Comrade Clark enlisted as a private in the Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was commissioned a lieutenant after the Battle of Corinth. He was elected department commander in 1911.

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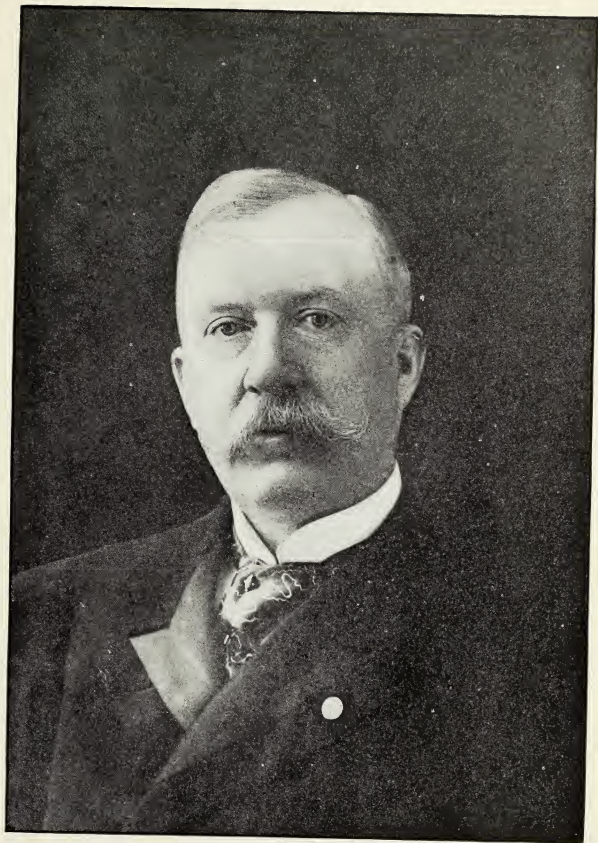




# In Memoriam







THOMAS J. STEWART,  
Commander in Chief, 1902.  
Mustered out, Sept. 11, 1917.







# In Memoriam



## COMRADE THOMAS J. STEWART.

Commander in Chief, 1902; Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, 1890.

Mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., September 11, 1917.

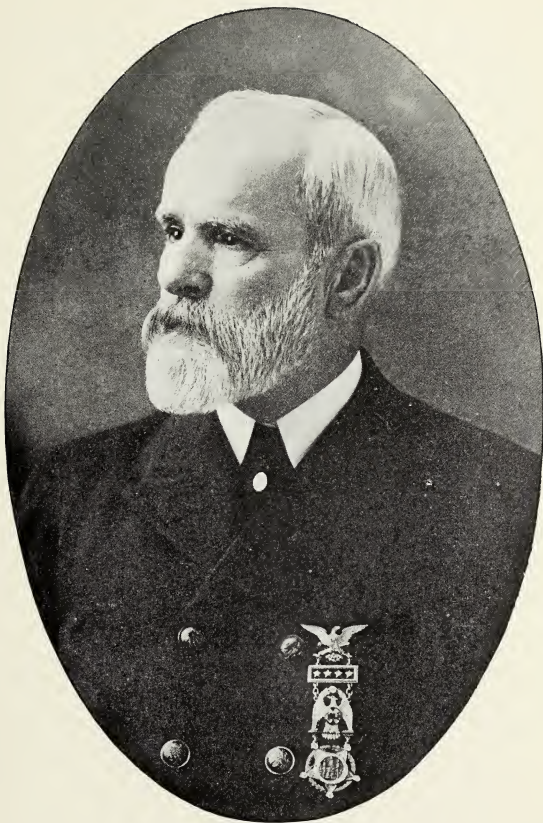


Comrade Thomas J. Stewart was born in Ireland, and came to the United States when a small boy. At the age of 16 he enlisted as a private in the One hundred and thirty-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He early became a member of Post No. 1, Norristown, Pa.

Comrade Stewart served the Department of Pennsylvania as assistant adjutant general from 1882 to 1888, was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief Robert B. Beath in 1883, and served as adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic from 1897 to 1899. He was elected department commander in 1890 and commander in chief in 1902, and at the time of his death was serving as treasurer of the permanent fund of the national encampment.

Comrade Stewart was highly honored by the citizens of Pennsylvania. He was elected to important offices, and it was universally admitted that no officer of the Commonwealth could have been more conscientious in the performance of duty. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1885. During the session he presented and had passed the act establishing the soldiers' and sailors' home at Erie, Pa., also the act to provide a proper burial for deceased veterans of the Civil War. He was appointed a member of the commission to locate and establish the home, and was later appointed one of the board of trustees of the home and has served as secretary since 1886; he was treasurer, also, at the time of his death. He was appointed a member of the soldiers' orphans' schools commission in 1890. He was elected secretary of internal affairs in 1886 and was reelected in 1890, resigning in 1895 to accept the office of adjutant general of the Commonwealth, tendered by Gov. Hastings, and was reappointed by each succeeding governor, a record of service of over 22 years.





HARVEY MARION TRIMBLE,  
Commander in Chief, 1911.  
Mustered out, Jan. 10, 1918.





# In Memoriam



## COMRADE HARVEY MARION TRIMBLE.

Commander in Chief, 1911; Commander, Department of Illinois, 1902.

Mustered out at Princeton, Ill., January 10, 1918.



Comrade Harvey Marion Trimble, the distinguished soldier, the unfaltering friend, the eloquent and convincing speaker, the useful citizen, and the untiring worker for the Grand Army of the Republic which he loved so well!

Comrade Trimble was born near Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, January 27, 1842.

He enlisted as a private in Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on August 21, 1862; was promoted sergeant major September 8, 1862; adjutant of the regiment February 26, 1864, and assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, Third Division, Fifteenth Corps, from March 28, 1865, until April 26, 1865; thence to Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Corps, with which he served until May 31, 1865, when he returned to his position as adjutant of the regiment to close its record for muster out, which took place at Louisville, Ky., June 23, 1865, and was finally discharged at Chicago, July 6, 1865.

In August, 1863, Col. Putnam recommended him to the governor of Illinois for a promotion to a captaincy, and when he learned of it he promptly declined in a letter to Gov. Yates, and the commission was not issued.

While on scout duty, near Ridgeway, Tenn., January 13, 1863, he was captured, and on January 27 was released, joining the regiment on the 30th of the same month.

He was in every battle and skirmish in which his command participated.

Comrade Trimble was twice mentioned in general orders for bravery on the field of battle—Jackson, Champion's Hill, siege of Vicksburg, and Tunnel Hill being enumerated in detail.

He was elected commander of his post in 1896, department commander of Illinois in 1902, and commander in chief in 1911.

He was an original companion of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, commandery of the State of Illinois.

Comrade Trimble was largely educated in the common schools of Illinois and left Eureka College to go into the Army.

As judge of Bureau County, Ill., for many years and as circuit judge of the Thirteenth Illinois Circuit he played a prominent part in the judicial history of the State.







## In Memoriam



While commander in chief he laid the foundation for the reconciliation of the Union and Confederate veterans, which was brought about at the semicentennial anniversary of Gettysburg in 1913 and later ratified at Vicksburg, where the survivors of those two famous battles laid aside the animosities of half a century and met in friendship and peace to celebrate the victory by which the Nation was preserved. This, Comrade Trimble considered the greatest achievement of his career.

But he has reached the river's brink and has crossed over to join the mighty hosts who had gone on before.

True friend and comrade, au revoir but not goodbye, for we shall meet and greet you when the mists have a little less heavy grown, "For there shall be no night there."

JOHN B. INMAN,  
J. M. VERNON,  
WM. P. WRIGHT,  
*Committee.*







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

**COMRADE THOMAS R. GOCKEL**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 25, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

**COMRADE WILLIAM SNYDER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1892

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 17, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

**COMRADE JAMES DORAN**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 14, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

**COMRADE PROSPER P. PARKER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1901

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 16, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

**COMRADE A. Y. KILLINGSWORTH**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1908

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 30, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

## COMRADE JOHN W. LANE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1906

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 24, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

## COMRADE JAMES COEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1869

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1870

MUSTERED OUT JULY 14, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

## COMRADE DELOS L. HOLDEN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1880

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 6, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

## COMRADE R. H. MELLETTE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1907

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 30, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

## COMRADE GEORGE W. CURFMAN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1905

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 8, 1918







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

## COMRADE JOHN C. KENNEDY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1892

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 6, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

## COMRADE WILLIAM C. HILLARD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1904

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 1, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

## COMRADE WILLIAM N. SIGGINS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 1, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

## COMRADE WILLIAM T. RILEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1890

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 10, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY

## COMRADE GEORGE T. GRINSTEAD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1906

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 7, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

**COMRADE FRANK F. GOSS**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1907

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 6, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

**COMRADE AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1882

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 14, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

**COMRADE FRANCIS M. SMITH**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1884

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 22, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**COMRADE EPHRIAM B. STILLINGS**

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1905

ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1910

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 30, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**COMRADE RUSSELL R. PEALER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1899

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, 1909

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 7, 1918





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

## COMRADE JOHN F. DIENER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1910

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 23, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

## COMRADE M. V. KING

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1912

MUSTERED OUT JULY 10, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

## COMRADE SOLOMON W. RUSSELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1916

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 18, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

## COMRADE MICHAEL J. CUMMINGS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1909

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 3, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

## COMRADE DANIEL F. SIEGFRIED

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1904

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1918







# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

## COMRADE JOSEPH HARE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1905

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 10, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

## COMRADE JOSEPH R. JOHNSTON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 2, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

## COMRADE W. R. WARNOCK

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913.

MUSTERED OUT JULY 31, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

## COMRADE J. P. CUMMINGS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 2, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

## COMRADE A. E. BORTHWICK

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1888

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 30, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

**COMRADE NEWTON CLARK**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1911

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 21, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**COMRADE HENRY J. SPOONER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1877

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 9, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**COMRADE GIDEON SPENCER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1888

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 3, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**COMRADE PHILIP S. CHASE**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1883

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 3, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

**COMRADE JOHN T. WILDER**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1906

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 20, 1917





# In Memoriam



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE MAURICE M. KAIGHN**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1899

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 20, 1917



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE T. C. ILIFF**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1894

CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF, 1895

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 22, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

**COMRADE HENRY PAGE**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1890

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 13, 1918



DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**COMRADE CHARLES T. REED**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1915

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 19, 1917



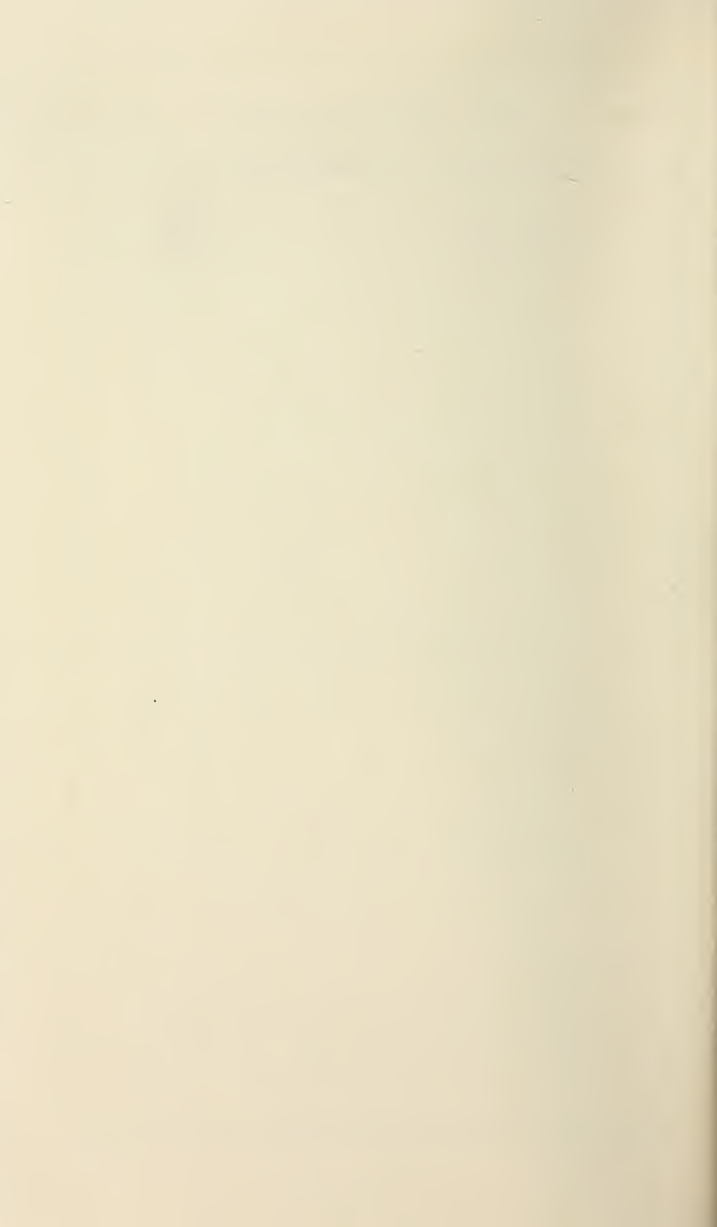
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**COMRADE JOHN M. MILLAN**

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY, 1918





# ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON AT DECATUR, ILL.,  
APRIL 6, 1866.

*First commander in chief,*  
BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.

*First adjutant general,*  
ROBERT MANN WOODS, Illinois.

*First quartermaster general,*  
JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois.

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

## FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866.

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

## SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

## THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

<sup>1</sup> By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

#### FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

#### FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS, MAY 10, 11, 1871.

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

#### SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872.

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSSELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

#### SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874.**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876.**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. <sup>1</sup>
	{ MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877.**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

## TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 4, 1878.

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL. VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

## THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879.

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

## FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

## FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., JUNE 15, 16, 1881.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

### SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21-23, 1882.

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

### SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JULY 25, 26, 1883.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

### EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JULY 23-25, 1884.

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCOEN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

### NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.



## TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 4-6, 1886.

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

## TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.

## TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888.

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

## TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS., AUGUST 28-30, 1889.

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WESSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

## TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 13, 14, 1890.

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, Massachusetts. <sup>1</sup> GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

## TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., AUGUST 5-7, 1891.

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

## TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892.

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893.

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894.

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT. H. ELLIS, New York.

### TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY., SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895.

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

### THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896.

Headquarters established, Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

### THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25-27, 1897.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, <sup>1</sup> Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900.

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

### THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901.

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

### THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902.

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

### THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

### THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, Massachusetts. <sup>1</sup> JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, Missouri. <sup>1</sup> OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

### THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905.

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.



**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,  
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906.**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907.**

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908.**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,  
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909.**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.



### FOURTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910.

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

### FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911.

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN J. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

### FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CAL., SEPTEMBER 9 TO 14, 1912.

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	H. Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

### FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913.

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, Maine. <sup>1</sup> A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned.

### FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914.

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
Senior vice commanders in chief-----	{JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, <sup>1</sup> Michigan. W. F. CONNER, Texas.
Junior vice commanders in chief-----	{W. F. CONNER, Texas. OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
Surgeon general-----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
Adjutant general-----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general-----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
Judge advocate general-----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
National patriotic instructor-----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

### FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915.

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ELIAS R. MONTFORT, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	LEVANT DODGE, Kentucky.
Surgeon general-----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
Adjutant general-----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
Inspector general-----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
Judge advocate general-----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
National patriotic instructor-----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

### FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916.

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City, Mo.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
Surgeon general-----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
Adjutant general-----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general-----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Cal.
Judge advocate general-----	RALEZEMOND A. PARKER, Detroit, Mich.
National patriotic instructor-----	URIAH SEELY, Newark, N. J.

### FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20 TO 25, 1917.

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.  
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
Surgeon general-----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
Adjutant general-----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Quartermaster general-----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
Inspector general-----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Judge advocate general-----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
National patriotic instructor-----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

<sup>1</sup> Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG.,  
AUGUST 18 TO 24, 1918.

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, Nat'l Soldiers' Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

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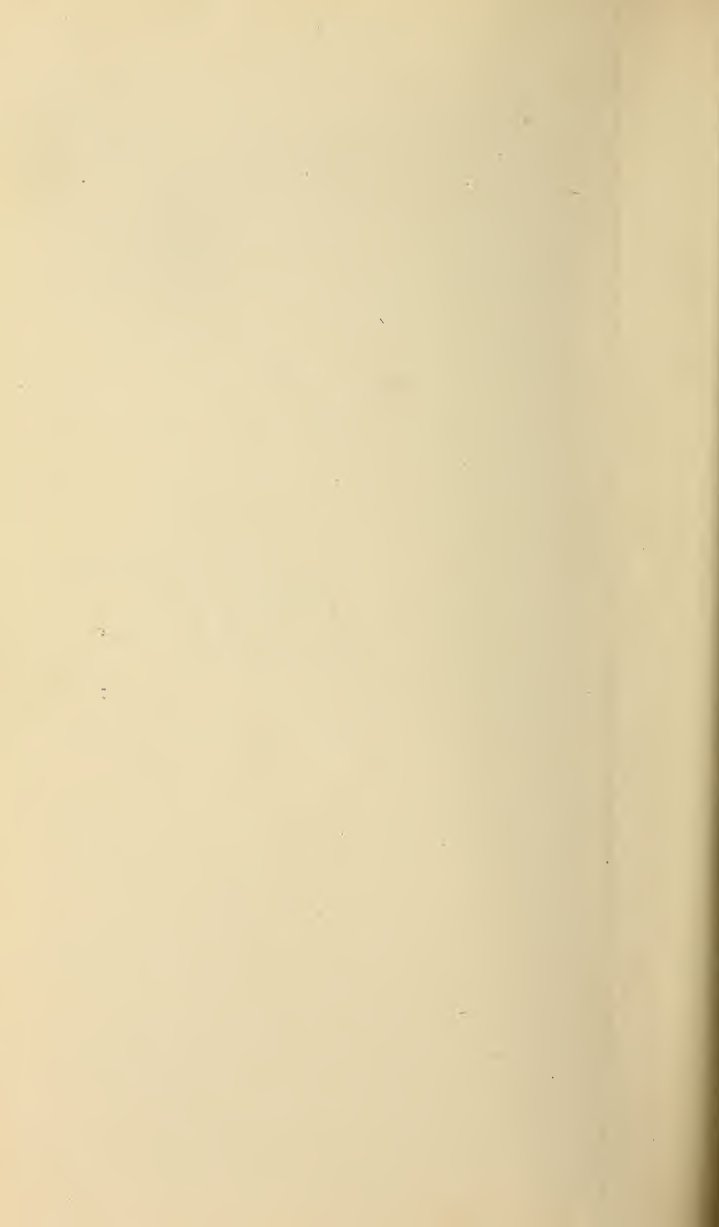
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